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**MACV-SOG
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Major General John Singlaub
addresses members and guests
at SOAR XXXVIII.

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

The SOA, established in December 1977, is a fraternal veteran's organization of past and present American and Allied military personnel who have conducted special operations in a combat environment. The group includes veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, the Balkans, Somalia as well as those from our most recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq. Membership is limited to Free World forces who supported, or personally participated in missions deep inside hostile territory in a combat capacity.

For the most part, the SOA is composed of U.S. Army Special Forces personnel but, also includes USAF Air Commandos/FAC's, Navy Seals, Marine Raider, and Force Recon personnel and veterans of other elite military organizations who were an integral part of Special Operations.

The specific and primary purposes of the SOA are:

To unite fraternally all veterans who have or are now conducting or supporting classified "Special Operations" deep in hostile enemy territory or have been assigned to military units which conducted such operations; and,

To perpetuate the Special Operations "esprit de corps"; and,

To commemorate fittingly the memory of those who have given their lives in defense of the Free World and to those who served in Special Operations units and are still unaccounted for as POW/MIA through the management of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Grant Fund. Since 1983, over \$556,500 has been awarded, or committed thus far to 152 deserving young scholars.

The Special Operations Association is recognized by the Department of Defense and by the IRS as a non-profit veterans organization, 501 (c) (19), operating on tax deductible donations, (EIN # 74-2619854). Annual membership dues are \$30 U.S. Lifetime membership fee is \$505 U.S. 70-years or over, Lifetime fees are \$305. U.S. The organization has no meetings other than its annual reunion. The primary organizational correspondence is the Pre-Reunion Packet (PRP) and the Special Operations Association Reunion After-Action Report, (SOAR AAR).

The SOA will conduct its 38th annual reunion (SOAR XXXVIII) in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Orleans Hotel and Casino during the period 20-24 October 2014. We anticipate in excess of 650 members and guests.

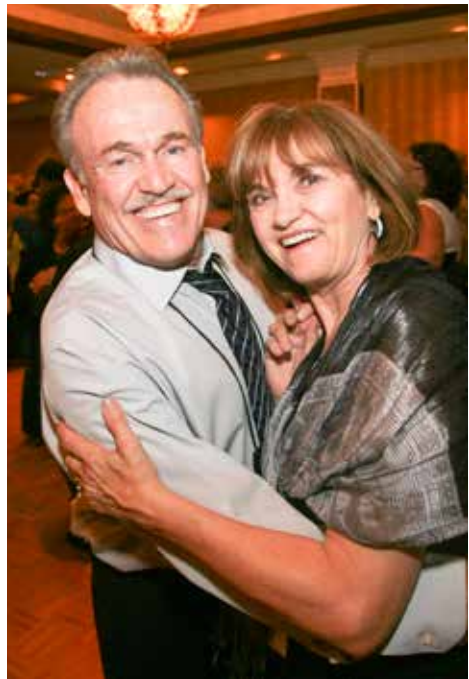
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Scenes from SOAR XXXVIII





I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve our great association the next three years. I promise to give it my best effort and use what I have learned over the years, both in military and civilian life for the betterment of the Special Operations Association. I also wish to express my great gratitude to General Jack Singlaub for his remarks at our Reunion banquet celebrating the 50th anniversary of SOG. General Singlaub served in Special Operations in the OSS in World War II, Vietnam, and served as Chief SOG in Vietnam. At 93 years, he is still going strong and serves as an inspiration to us all.

The mood at this year's SOAR seemed to me the most upbeat and one of the best reunions I've attended in many years. Our attendance was up from previous years and everyone had such a great time as you can see from all the smiling faces in our pictures. We will continue to find new activities for entertainment which has been such a hit by giving us all a chance to spend time together with our spouses and guests. SOAR is not only a chance for us to see old comrades and renew friendships, but also meet new friends. The addition of two new units this year to our "approved units list" means new faces and continued growth for our association and reunion. We members of the Board will be doing everything we can to stay up with the growth and make next year's SOAR XXXIX our best ever.

We lost two old friends familiar to our SOAR attendees in 2014 with the passing of the SOA Reunion Convention Chair, and long-time member, Patrick Hephner on June 20, 2014. Also, Medal of Honor recipient, former POW, and SOA member Sergeant Major Jon Cavaiani passed away July 29, 2014. Jon was laid to rest November 9, 2014 at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors. He was a familiar and smiling face at our SOAR reunions. He was an individual who always had time to meet and have his picture taken with fellow comrades-in-arms. He shared his honor and fame with all of us. A great American hero, whom we will miss greatly. Patrick Hephner first assumed the responsibility for our SOAR reunions in November of 1995 when he stepped up and took over from an ailing Reunion Chair at the time. Patrick, a 32 year career navy veteran, with his background as a logistics officer, was a perfect fit for overseeing a yearly reunion with so many people and moving parts. He was a great friend and will be sorely missed.

Most importantly, your SOA Board of Directors formed the Special Operations Association Foundation, (SOAF), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation this past year to better access charitable donations for our members, and other Special Operation soldiers. Your Board has now commenced the process of exploring the best use of this new vehicle to serve our members' needs. My hope is that we have the foundation up

and running, while focusing on improving the lives of our veterans and their families, by year's end 2015. Our veterans' needs are great, and so is our challenge.

Our MIA/POW committee will continue the most important work of supporting our government's work of locating and returning the remains of our fallen comrades. The current political climate to fund this effort is challenging, and we are currently working with other Special Operations organizations to support this most important effort. We have our work cut out for us and we know it, but I have great confidence in this committee. I believe this is one our strongest committees in many years. Our focus to bring the remains of our comrades home will continue to receive our highest priority.

I look forward this coming year to be working with all the volunteer members and their wives and friends, who make our organization a success. Our Board meets once a month telephonically, and is open to any members who wish to listen in. You are always welcome. As president, I promise that I will work hard to represent our fine organization with the professionalism and integrity it deserves. See you at SOAR XXXIX.

Sincerely,

Rick Estes



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It has been our privilege at United Cutlery to work with the special men and women of the Special Operations Association. We are blessed to be able to work with some of the most professional and courteous people that ever served in the United States Armed Forces. We have been thrilled at the response from knife enthusiasts with our selection of SOA products thus far. We especially enjoy working on projects that commemorate brave individuals like Col Aaron Bank, CSM Chuck Petry, and CSM Don Devere; and believe a knife dedicated in their honor is just a very small portion of thanks that they are owed from our country. We hope that our relationship with SOA will continue to grow and the profits from each endeavor will help to honor not only the soldiers who fought and died for our country, but the family members who also made sacrifices for the whole of the United States. We'd again like to thank the entire SOA family and hope you'll continue to enjoy greater SOA licensed products to come.

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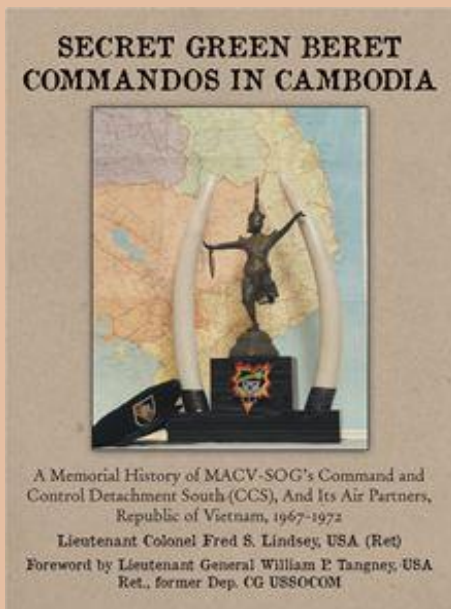
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SECRET GREEN BERET COMMANDOS IN CAMBODIA

A Memorial History of MACV-SOG Command and Control Detachment South (CCS), And Its Air Partners, Republic of Vietnam, 1967-1972

LTC Fred S. Lindsey, USA (Ret)



About the Book

We could call this book “special operations Recon Mission Impossible.” A small group of highly trained, resourceful US Special Forces (SF) men is asked to go in teams behind the enemy lines to gather intelligence on the North Vietnamese Army units that had infiltrated through Laos and Cambodia down the Ho Chi Minh trails to their secret bases inside the Cambodian border west of South Vietnam. The covert reconnaissance teams, of only two or three SF men with four or five experienced indigenous mercenaries each, were tasked to go into enemy target areas by foot or helicopter insertion. They could be 15 kilometers beyond any other friendly forces, with no artillery support. In sterile uniforms - with no insignia or identification, if they were killed or captured, their government would deny their military connection. The enemy had placed a price on their heads and had spies in their Top Secret headquarters known as SOG.

SOG had three identical recon ground units along the border areas. This book tells the history of Command and Control Detachment South (CCS). The CCS volunteer warriors and its Air Partners- the Army and Air Force helicopter transport and gunship crews who lived and fought together and sometimes died together. This is the first published history of CCS as compiled by its last living commander some forty years after they were

disbanded. It tells of the struggles and intrigue involved in SOG's development as the modern- day legacy of our modern Special Operations Commands. Forbidden to tell of their experiences for over twenty years; their After Action Reports destroyed even before they were declassified surviving veterans team together to tell how Recon men wounded averaged 100 percent; and SOG became the most highly decorated unit in Vietnam and all were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

About the Author

Lieutenant Colonel Lindsey enlisted in the Army in 1948, attaining the rank of Corporal. He was accepted in to and graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1954 as a 2nd LT of Infantry. After Infantry School, he qualified as a Master Parachutist and as a Ranger. He served in various leadership and staff positions in the 11th Abn Div, the 82nd Abn Div and the 101st Abn Div. In his first Vietnam combat tour he was MACV G-3 Air Liaison Officer for the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing and flew 50 backseat missions, primarily in F-100s. Then he went to 1st Brigade of 101st Abn Div as Asst Ops Officer and then Ops and Exec Officer of the 2/327Abn Inf Bn. On his second Vietnam tour, he was Cmdr of 2/8th Cav Bn of 1st Cav Div. Next he was Deputy Cmdr of OP-35 in MACV-SOG and then was Cmdr of Command and Control Detachment South (CCS) from January-July 1970. He is the last living Cmdr of CCS. His advance schooling included the USMA Preparatory School, a Masters degree at Indiana University, and the Command and General Staff College. He retired after 20 years from the Army in August 1972. His civilian career positions included Exec VP of an architectural and engineering firm; and president of an “Alternative Energy” firm building a Gasohol plant. He served for 12 years in the Indiana Department of Commerce as Program Manager for High Technology Development. His military awards include two Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, six Air Medals and the Combat Infantry Badge. Civilian awards are as a Kentucky Colonel and a Sagamore of the Wabash. He is active in local service and veterans' organizations in Carmel, IN, where he has lived with his family since 1973.

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CCS Breakfast

It was a packed house as usual in the Prime Rib Loft for the CCS Breakfast. What began as an informal gathering amongst fellow CCS men has now become an annual event. While Col. Lindsey and others spoke from the podium, attendees enjoyed a variety of items from the buffet.

Editor's note: In honor of his phoenix like rise, Cork's picture will be larger than everyone else's to accommodate that astounding height.





20 Year Pins

Recognition, SOA 20-Year Pin Members:

President, SOA

During the conduct of the SOAR XXXVIII General Membership Meeting on Wednesday afternoon, 22 October 2014, Ray Calafell, Chairman, SOA Membership Committee requested the following personnel having achieved 20-Year status as members of the SOA come forward and receive their 20-Year SOA pins from John "Tilt" Meyer, President, SOA. All individuals who attended or joined the SOA commencing with SOAR I thru, and including SOAR XIX (1977-1995) were eligible. Those present at SOAR XXXVIII were:

John F. Mullins, SOA # 240-GL
Ronald D. Brockelman, SOA # 568-GA
Allan F. Fleming, Jr., SOA # 753-GL
Robert E. Locker, SOA # 817-GL
Conrad Baker, SOA # 897-AL
Thomas Henry, SOA # 993-GA
Rodney D. Burns, SOA # 1039-GA
John L. Frescura, SOA # 1137-GA
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James C. Harrison, SOA # 1211-GL
Jerry D. Estenson, SOA # 1224-GA
Edward Gammons, SOA # 1251-GL
Robert T. Ashton, SOA # 3026-GL

a. FYI, basically that reflected those members whose SOA number fell between 001 and 1259. Robert T. Ashton, SOA # 3026-GL attended SOAR I at Caesar's Palace in December 1977. If a member has not previously been presented with their 20-year SOA pin they were eligible to receive this award at this meeting.

b. Next year during the conduct of SOAR XXXIX, all personnel who attended, or joined the SOA commencing with SOAR I thru, and including SOAR XX (1977-1996) will be eligible to receive their 20-Year SOA pin. If their SOA number falls anywhere between 001 and 1347, and they have not previously been presented with their 20-Year SOA pin they will be eligible to receive this award.

25 Year Pins

Recognition, SOA 25-Year Pin Members:

President, SOA

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Gregory Rodriguez, SOA # 491-GL
Tom Livingston, SOA # 527-GL
John M. Trantanella, SOA # 622-GA
Donald A. Green, SOA # 719-GL
Manuel R. Beck, SOA # 780-GA
L. Faistenhammer, Jr., SOA # 804-GL
John D. Ochtyun, SOA # 823-GL
Saul Arrendondo, SOA # 891-GA
Robert T. Ashton, SOA # 3026-GL

David J. Paul, SOA # 503-GA
Ronald D. Brockelman, SOA # 568-GA
Arthur Wilber, SOA # 686-GL
Allan F. Fleming, Jr., SOA # GL
James B. Cole, SOA # 794-GL
Robert E. Locker, SOA # 817-GL
Nicholas Godano, SOA # 872-GL
Al Newman, SOA # 952-AL

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b. Next year during the conduct of SOAR XXXIX, all personnel who attended, or joined the SOA commencing with SOAR I thru, and including SOAR XV (1977-1991) will be eligible to receive their 25-Year SOA pin. If their SOA number falls anywhere between 001 and 971, and they have not previously been presented with their 25-Year SOA pin they will be eligible to receive this award.

30 Year Pins

Recognition, SOA 30-Year Pin Members:

President, SOA

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John F. Mullins, SOA # 240-GL
John A. Garrison, SOA # 473-GL
Ronald D. Brockelman, SOA # 568-GA
Thomas Livingston, SOA # 527-GL
John R. McClaskey, SOA # 621-GL
Richard Brokhausen, SOA # 635-GL

Ronald DeCarlo, SOA # 408-GL
Gregory Rodriguez, SOA # 491-GL
David J. Paul, SOA # 503-GA
Richard L. Estes, SOA # 597-GA
Carl Franquet, SOA # 629-GA
Robert T. Ashton, SOA # 3026-GL

a. FYI, basically that reflected those members whose SOA number fell between 001 and 651. Robert T. Ashton, SOA # 3026-GL attended SOAR I at Caesar’s Palace in December 1977. If a member has not previously been presented with their 30-year SOA pin they were eligible to receive this award at this meeting.

b. Next year during the conduct of SOAR XXXIX, all personnel who attended, or joined the SOA commencing with SOAR I thru, and including SOAR IX (1977-1986) will be eligible to receive their 30-Year SOA pin. If their SOA number falls anywhere between 001 and 689, and they have not previously been presented with their 30-Year SOA pin they will be eligible to receive this award.



20-Year Pin Recipients



25-Year Pin Recipients

30-Year Pin Recipients



SOG / SPAD Symposium

by Don Engebretsen

When I first discussed having this Symposium with Clyde Sincere, I had one purpose in mind and that was to lead an exchange that would further the bond of A-1 pilots and the men of SOG. More specifically, I wanted to demonstrate the fact that all members of the OLAA Da Nang Spad detachment were fully vested in their role as part of the MACVSOG ball game package. Our OLAA/SOG one on one contacts were limited during and after the war, for the most part. Wonderful circumstances have begun to close the “50 FOOT GAP” which all but vaporized during the Symposium this year. It is unlikely that any of this would or could have happened if it were not for the SOA. Your, now our, shared organization combines the relationships and resources that build and expand our history

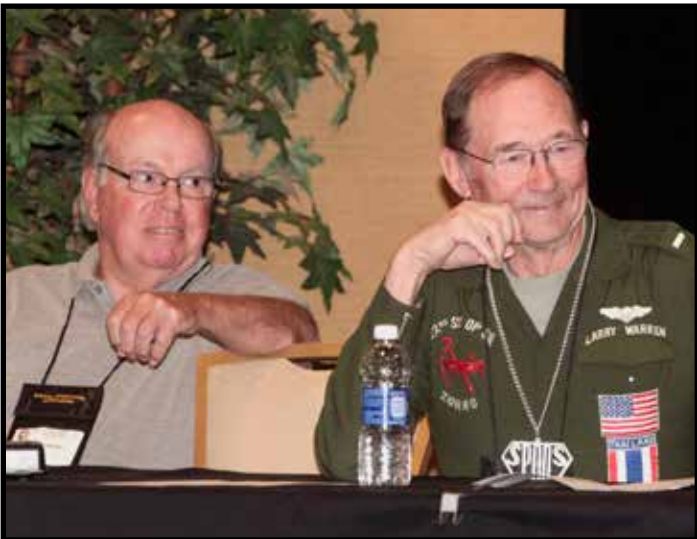
It was one thing to have the near conjoined combat relationship that supporting A-1’s and SOG teams had from the onset of over the fence operations. But, when I learned that very little contact had transpired after the war between the SOG team members and the A-1 pilots who supported them, I felt compelled to do something about it. I began with what I knew and what I had experienced in my small OLAA unit and we began a process in 2013. It has to be an omen that the unit I flew with was the only A-1 unit whose very existence was totally based on the dictates of MACVSOG influences at the JCS or above. These joint conversations should continue and be expanded to welcome all USAF pilots who flew in direct support of SOG teams. I suspect that will happen over time.

The meeting this year was very emotional for all concerned...we laughed and we cried. I suspected that some attending would be surprised to see “fly boys” displaying such a range of emotions. The fact that OLAA flew nearly half of all its missions supporting SOG teams left no room for detachment prior to or after missions. We knew that our efforts could often turn the tide and we had a feel for the risks the teams accepted on a daily basis.

The comments I have received from the OLAA pilots and others in attendance bear witness that something special happened at the Symposium this year.



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2nd Annual Texas Hold'em Tournament



The second annual Texas Hold'em Tournament saw the return of last year's champion and some new rules.

This year a buy-in option was added - if a player went bust within the first 90 minutes, \$20 would get him or her back into the game. This was done to make the tournament more exciting and to add to the purse.

Tony Herrell, last year's winner, put on his game face and dug in for the evening, but it was not to be. A card shark hailing from North Carolina, one CSM Glen E. Lane (Ret.) stole his crown and the money. Lane requested his donation be split between the Warriors Family Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

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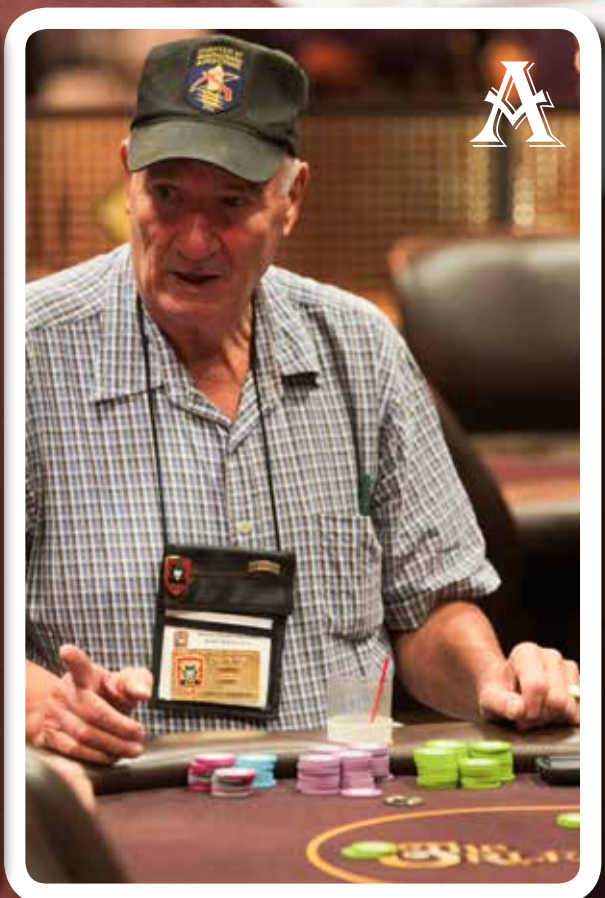


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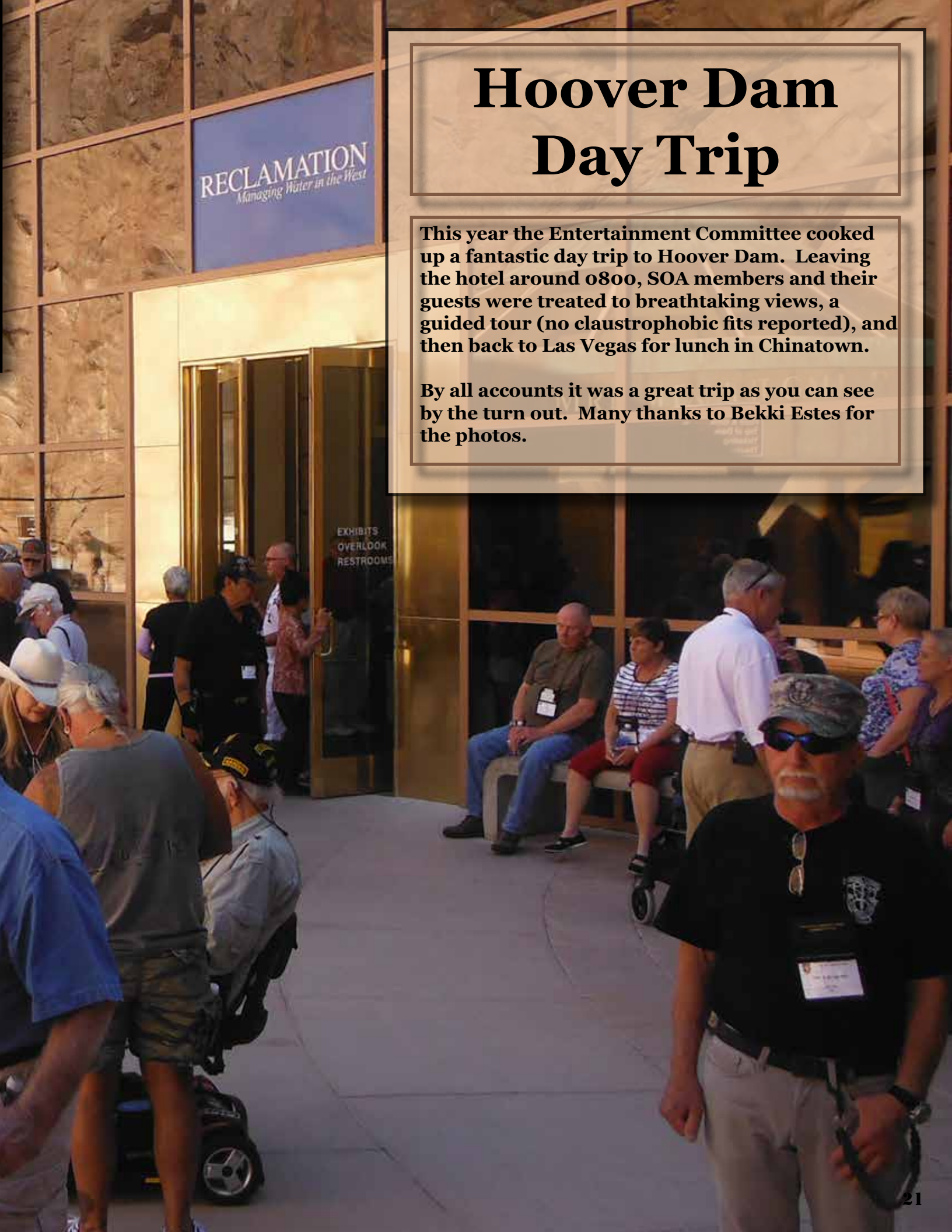




Hoover Dam Day Trip

This year the Entertainment Committee cooked up a fantastic day trip to Hoover Dam. Leaving the hotel around 0800, SOA members and their guests were treated to breathtaking views, a guided tour (no claustrophobic fits reported), and then back to Las Vegas for lunch in Chinatown.

By all accounts it was a great trip as you can see by the turn out. Many thanks to Bekki Estes for the photos.





Alex Quade Presents “Horse Soldiers of 9/11”



Freelance war reporter, Alex Quade, appeared at SOAR XXXVIII where she presented her recently produced and directed short documentary about the Green Berets in Afghanistan, “Horse Soldiers of 9/11.” It is narrated by actor Gary Sinise.

She also presented a video on her history as an award-winning war correspondent who has covered U.S. Special Operations Forces on combat missions for more than a decade. She is the recipient of two national RTDNA Edward R. Murrow Awards as well as the Congressional Medal Of Honor Society’s “Tex McCrary Award For Excellence In Journalism” for her war reportage. The Medal of Honor recipients present the award to individuals who, through their life’s work, have distinguished themselves by service or unbiased coverage of the United States Military through journalism. Prior recipients of this prestigious award include broadcasters Mike Wallace, Tim Russert, Paul Harvey, and author Joe Galloway.

The Congressional Medal of Honor Society recognized Ms. Quade, “for her courageous reporting and honest news coverage.”

Ms. Quade has worked in television for Fox News and CNN where she has embedded with elite combat units several months at a time, producing exclusive, long-form, special series and documentaries.

Alex Quade serves on the Board of Military Reporters and Editors, the Association of Military Journalists, and has been embedded with every branch of the U.S. military.

Bourbon Tasting with Beam Suntory

*"I get no kick from champagne,
Mere alcohol doesn't thrill me at all
But I get a kick out of you."*

There was no mere alcohol Wednesday afternoon as members and guests got a kick out of a tasting event sponsored by Beam Suntory (Jim Beam to the rest of us). Participants tasted a variety of bourbons, got some pointers on mixing the perfect drink, and some recipes for new drinks to enjoy. And of course, there was plenty to go around!

The presenter was supposed to be a good-looking woman, (check your 2014 PRP), but after a couple of shots, Mixologist Bobby Gleason wasn't so bad-looking. In fact, everyone seemed to enjoy his presentation and asked a lot of questions during the event.

Many thanks to Tony Bandiera, Bill Werther, and the team at Beam Suntory for a great event.



Mixologist Bobby Gleason





Recognition Ceremony for MACV-SOG, Operation-35



In a December 5, 2014 recognition ceremony at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, BG Darcie Rogers Commanding General, 1st Special Forces Command (Airborne) (Provisional), recognized the legendary men of OP-35 for their pioneering Combat Parachute operations in the Republic of Vietnam.

Also in attendance were LTG John Mulholland, Deputy CG USSOCOM; BG Michael Turello, Deputy CG, USASFC; BG James Scanlan, CG 440th Airlift Wing; BG James Kraft, Assistant CG-Support, JSOC; BG Michael Warmack, Deputy Chief, Operations, Office of the Defense Representative-Pakistan. Also in attendance were friends, family and may active duty soldiers. The following men were recognized:

STATIC LINE COMBAT JUMPS (11 TOTAL)

10 June 1968: Recon Team Rattler, Forward Observation Base #4 (CCN), D/Z RVN: **One-Zero SFC Bobby Richardson, One-One SP4 William Wilkinson.** 10 SCU

23 December 1969: Recon Team Auger, Command and Control South (CCS) D/Z Cambodia: **One-Zero SSG Frank Oppel (deceased), One-One SGT Bob Graham.** 4 SCU

21 January 1970: Recon Team Sickie, Command and Control South (CCS), D/Z Cambodia: **One-Zero SGT John Gunnison, One-One SGT Kenneth Courage, One-Two SSG David Davison (KIA-BNR 5 Oct. 1970).** 1 SCU

21 February 1970: Recon Team Fork, Command and Control South (CCS), D/Z Cambodia: **One-Zero SSG David Davidson (KIA_BNR 5 Oct. 1970), One-One SGT James (Ernie) Acre.** 2 SCU

23 August 1970: Recon Team Montana, Command and Control Central (CCC), D/Z Laos: **One-Zero SSC Michael Sheppard, One-One SSG Paul Boyd, One-Two SSG Harry Waddell.** 3 SCU

9 September 1970: Recon Team ASP, Command and Control North (CCN) D/Z Laos:

One-Zero CPT Garry Robb, One-One SFC Robert Ramsey. 2 SCU

11 September 1970: Recon Team Intruder, Command and Control North (CCN), D/Z

Laos: **One-Zero SFC Ted Hornung, One-One SSG James Klewicki, One-Two SSG Dwight Carnes. 3 SCU**

22 December 1970: Recon Team Arizona, Command and Control Central (CCC), D/Z

Laos: **One-Zero SFC Newman Ruff, One-One SFC Kestutis Griskelis, One-Two 1LT Jake Barton. 2 SCU**

10 January 1971: Recon Team Adder, Task Force 1 Advisory Element (CCN), D/A RVN:

One Zero SFC Gerry Barker, One-One SP/5 Charles Busler (deceased). 4 SCU

29 May 1971: Recon Team Kansas, Task Force 1 Advisory Element (CCN), D/Z RVN:

One-Zero 1LT Loren Hagen (KIA 7 Aug. 1971), One-One SSG Tony Anderson, One-Two SSG George Cottrell (deceased). 2 SCU

18 August 1971: Recon Team Maine, Task Force 2 Advisory Element (CCC), D/Z RVN:

One-Zero SFC Howard Upchurch (deceased), One-One SSG Robert McNier (deceased), One-Two SGT John Shaughnessy. 4 SCU

HALO COMBAT JUMPS (5 TOTAL)

28 November 1970: Recon Team Florida, Command and Control North (CCN), D/Z

Laos: **One-Zero SFC Melvin Hill, One-One SSG Cliff Newman, One-Two SSG Sammy Hernandez. 2 SCU, 1 ARVN**

7 May 1971: Recon Team Manes, Task Force 1 Advisory Element (CCN), D/Z RVN:

One-Zero CPT Larry Manes, One-One SP/6 Noel Gast, One-Two SSG Robert Castillo, One-Three SGT John Trantanella.

22 June 1971: Recon Team Waugh, Task Force 1 Advisory Element (CCN), D/Z RVN:

One-Zero SGM Billy Waugh, One-One SFC James Bath, One-Two SGT Jesse Campbell, One-Three SGT Madison Strohle (KIA 22 Jun 1971).

10 August 1971: Recon Team Storter, Task Force 2 Advisory Element (CCC), D/Z RVN:

One-Zero CPT James Storter, One-One SFC Newman Ruff, One-Two SSG Millard Moye, One-Three SGT Michael Bentley.

11 October 1971: Recon Team Washington, Task Force 2 Advisory Element (CCC), D/Z

RVN: **One-Zero SSG Robert McNier (deceased), One-One SGT Howard Sugar, One-Two SFC Richard Gross (deceased), One-Three SGT Mark Gentry, One-Four MSG Charles Behler. 5 SCU**



Col. Sully H. De Fontaine, USA (R) Distinguished Service Award



**COLONEL
SULLY H. DE FONTAINE**

Inducted 20 August 2009



Born in Brussels, Belgium to French parents, Colonel Sully H. de Fontaine began his Special Operations career during World War II, when, in 1943 he became a member of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). Trained by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and the Special Air Service in England, in 1944 he parachuted into occupied France where he escorted downed pilots to safety. After the liberation of France he was attached to the OSS-SOE Operations in Brussels, Belgium and following the war, he attended French, Belgium, and British Military Schools, as well as earning a Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy.

In 1956 he was sent TDY to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) during the Hungarian uprising. Colonel de Fontaine completed the Special Forces Qualification Course in April 1957, and after served as an instructor at the Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, teaching Soviet Intelligence, Escape and Evasion, and Counter Guerilla Warfare from 1957 to 1959. Following this assignment, then First Lieutenant de Fontaine returned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Bad Tolz and became the security officer for the Group. During this time he was in charge of the Congo Operations, which evacuated over 200 stranded missionaries from the remote jungle areas. In 1962 he deployed to Algeria, serving as an observer with French Paratroopers during the Algerian War. In 1963 he joined the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and took an "A" Team to Vietnam. In 1965 Colonel de Fontaine commanded a "B" Team in the Vietnam Delta. He was then assigned to the Studies and Observation Group (SOG) where he recruited and trained Montagnard tribesman for cross boarder operations.

In 1966 Colonel de Fontaine became a Military Police Officer and was assigned as the commander of a CID Detachment in France. In 1968 he was redeployed to the Republic of Vietnam as the Officer in Charge of the Special Branch of the Criminal Investigation Division and afterwards transferred to the Criminal Investigation Agency in Washington D.C. From 1971 to 1973 he was the Provost Marshall of the 1st Armored Division in Bavaria, Germany. In 1973 he was called to be the Field Element Commander of the Joint Casualty Recovery Center, a Special Operations effort in Southeast Asia, and directed operations that recovered remains of personnel listed as missing in action.

Upon Colonel de Fontaine's retirement in 1976 he continued utilizing the professional skills developed as a Special Forces and Military Police officer. His civilian occupations included Special Agent - Western Montana Bureau of Investigations; Senior Agent-Nevada Gaming Control Board; Senior Vice President, Corporate Security, United Gaming Inc. Las Vegas, Nevada; President, International Consulting Agency, Inc.; Corporate Investigator, Park Place Entertainment, Inc., Las Vegas, Nevada; and Director of Investigations, Venetian Macau LTD., China.

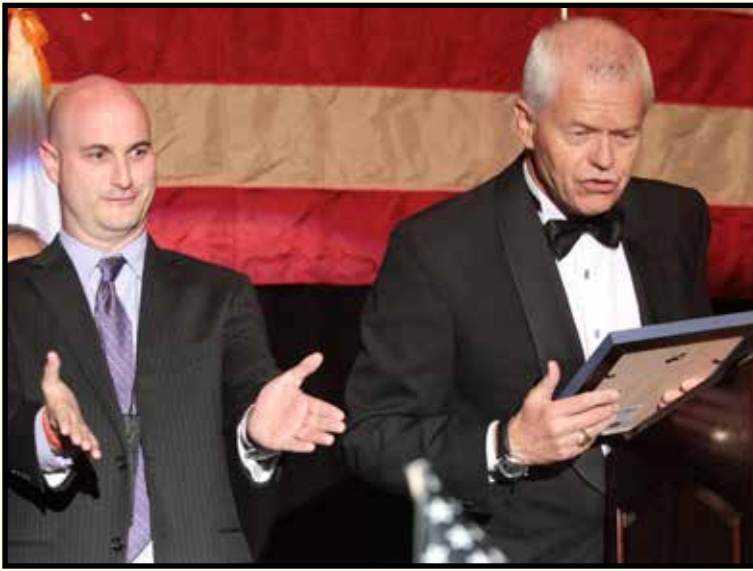
During his service he was awarded over 20 US and Foreign decorations and awards to include the Legion of Merit (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Bronze Star Medal with "V" device, Purple Heart (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal with "V" device, Army Commendation Medal with "V" device, Air Medal with "V" Device, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, and British Special Air Service Parachutist Badge.

Colonel de Fontaine and his wife Angelique have one son, Christian, who resides in Seattle, Washington with his wife Reneta and son, Andre.

SOAR XXXVIII Banquet











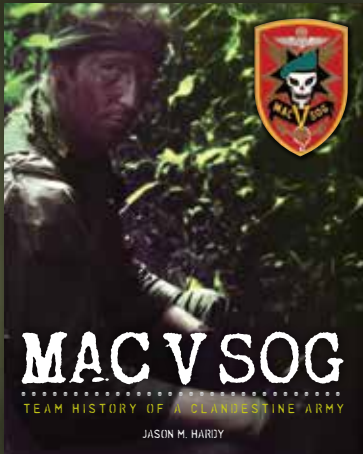
An Enchanted Evening

What banquet would be complete without a little dancing afterward? SOA members and guests danced the night away to the sounds of the Michael T. Band.



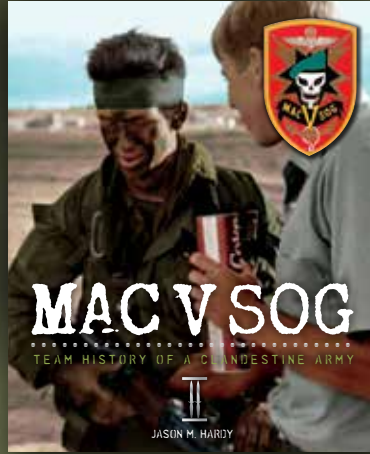
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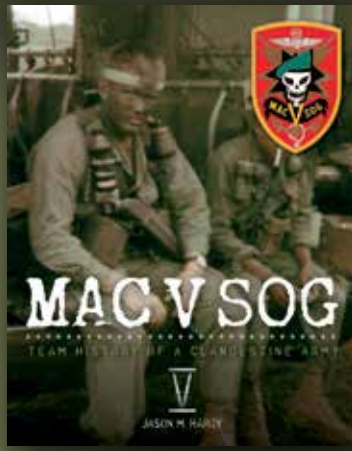
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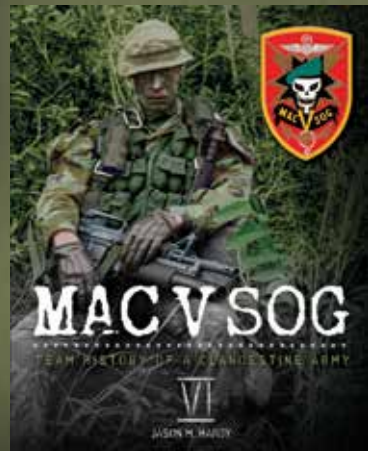
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SOAR XXXVII General Membership Meeting Minutes

SOAR XXXVII General Membership Meeting
23 October 2013

MINUTES

by VP Furbish due to absence of Secretary Russell

The General Membership Meeting (GMM) was called to order by the president.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the president emeritus and was followed by an opening prayer and moment of silence for our fallen, POW, and MIA by the chaplain.

The president introduced the officers, directors and staff present. Present were VP Furbish, treasurer Buscetto, director Motsett, director Werther, and director Hill. Notable absences were secretary Russell (death in family), director Cook (illness), and director Lucier (illness). Notable staff absences were membership committee chairman Calafell (illness), and tally committee chairman Estes (scheduling conflict).

There being 173 voting members present at this GMM, a Quorum was established in accordance with SOA Bylaws, Article VII.C. [For the record, 301 general/voting members attended the reunion.]

The GMM agenda was approved by the general membership.

The GMM special rules, as published in the PRP, were approved by the general membership.

The minutes of the SOA GMM of 24 October 2012, as published in the PRP, were approved by the general membership.

The treasurer presented the financial report and 2014 budget with the 2014 budget being accepted and approved by the general membership.

The committee chairman presented the Scholarship Committee report.

The committee chairman presented the Brightlight Committee report.

The Personal Video History Committee report was presented by the president.

The SOA Warriors' Family Committee report was presented by the chairman.

The chaplain presented the Chaplain's report and noted that 27 members had passed during the past year.

The SOA Riders Committee report was presented by the committee chairman. It was noted that Larry Trimble will step down as Chair and that Tom Carrell will replace him. The SOA Riders presented the SOA with a check for \$2900 for Brightlight.

The SOA Quartermaster presented his report.

The Membership Committee report was presented by the treasurer in the absence of the chairman of the committee.

The Nominating Committee report was presented by the chairman. In 2014, the SOA will elect a president, vice president, and director place one.

The Bill Sylvester Tally Committee Report was presented by the president in the absence of the committee chairman who certified the tally.

199 total ballots received
190 for Pete Buscetto for treasurer
2 for Virgil McVickers for treasurer
1 for Ralph Miller for treasurer
1 for Mo Worley for treasurer
117 for Mel Hill for director
108 for Jimmy Tong Nguyen for director
75 for Sam Todaro for director
62 for Gary O'Neal for director
1 for Jim Cole for director
1 for Chester Howard for director
1 for Patrick Hephner for director
2 ballots were disqualifiedied for casting more votes than allowed

Pete Buscetto was elected treasurer.

Mel Hill was re-elected as director.

Jimmy Tong Nguyen was elected director.

The newly elected or re-elected officer and directors were sworn in by the president.

The president, vice president, and president emeritus awarded 20, 25, and 30 year recognition pins to qualified members.

A SOAR XXXVII status report was given by the reunion chairman.

Proposed bylaws changes, as published in the PRP, were approved by the general membership. A notable addition is the creating of an SOA Judge Advocate General. The position will be advertised and filled as soon as possible.

The treasurer spoke of corporate sponsorship initiatives and the general membership indicated approval to proceed.

The SOAR XXXVIII report was presented by the reunion chairman.

20-24 October 2014
Orleans Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, NV

The president called for items for the Good of the Order.

The meeting was adjourned by vote of the general membership.

Accepted and Certified on November 15, 2014 by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D.F. Lucier", enclosed in a rectangular box.

D.F. Lucier, Secretary, SOA

Approved on November 15, 2014 by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Rick Estes", enclosed in a rectangular box.

Rick Estes, President, SOA

Financials

Special Operations Association, Inc.
BUDGET VS. ACTUALS: SOA2015PJB - FY15 P&L
 January - December 2015

	JAN - MAR, 2015		APR - JUN, 2015		JUL - SEP, 2015		OCT - DEC, 2015		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Income										
Contributions Income		6,900		7,800		10,500		23,600	\$0	\$48,800
Fund Raising		0		5,500		11,000		13,000	\$0	\$29,500
Interest & Dividends		45		45		45		45	\$0	\$180
Membership Dues		5,300		2,100		3,500		16,500	\$0	\$27,400
Miscellaneous Income		380		345		430		345	\$0	\$1,500
Mutual Funds gain/loss		0		0		0		0	\$0	\$0
PRP Income		0		2,000		1,000		0	\$0	\$3,000
Quarter Master Sales		875		1,050		7,075		10,075	\$0	\$19,075
Reunion Income		1,500		0		61,910		44,610	\$0	\$108,020
Royalty Income		730		2,200		1,227		2,130	\$0	\$6,287
Total Income	\$0	\$15,730	\$0	\$21,040	\$0	\$96,687	\$0	\$110,305	\$0	\$243,762
Gross Profit	\$0	\$15,730	\$0	\$21,040	\$0	\$96,687	\$0	\$110,305	\$0	\$243,762
Expenses										
AAR Production		9,700		0		100		0	\$0	\$9,800
Administrative Expenses		8,750		8,420		8,545		10,495	\$0	\$36,210
Archive/Video History		1,425		1,425		1,425		1,425	\$0	\$5,700
BOD Meeting		0		0		9,900		1,000	\$0	\$10,900
Brightlight		0		0		5,700		1,500	\$0	\$7,200
Entertainment Committee Expenses		0		0		2,900		0	\$0	\$2,900
Fund Raising Expenses		2,300		600		2,500		600	\$0	\$6,000
Membership Expenses		270		270		270		270	\$0	\$1,080
Mid-Year Board Meeting		0		7,300		0		0	\$0	\$7,300
Postage Scholarships		100		0		0		0	\$0	\$100
PRP Production		0		0		9,200		0	\$0	\$9,200
Quarter Master Cost		2,400		1,300		6,300		1,300	\$0	\$11,300
Reunion Expense		300		300		10,550		88,700	\$0	\$99,850
Scholarship Expenses		8,000		0		8,000		0	\$0	\$16,000
Travel & Ent		0		0		0		850	\$0	\$850
Warrior Family Fund Expenses		0		0		5,000		1,500	\$0	\$6,500
Total Expenses	\$0	\$33,245	\$0	\$19,615	\$0	\$70,390	\$0	\$107,640	\$0	\$230,890
Net Operating Income	\$0	\$ (17,515)	\$0	\$1,425	\$0	\$26,297	\$0	\$2,665	\$0	\$12,872
Other Income										
Other Income		0		0		10,000		5,000	\$0	\$15,000
Total Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$15,000
Net Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$15,000
Net Income	\$0	\$ (17,515)	\$0	\$1,425	\$0	\$36,297	\$0	\$7,665	\$0	\$27,872

Election Tally Report

To: SOA Board of Directors and Key Staff
Fr: Mike Keele, chairman, Curtis Williams and John S. Meyer
Committee member Brad Welker had a family emergency, Rick Estes was out of town.

Date: Oct. 13, 2014

Re: Final Ballot Count Report for 2014 BOD Election

Here is the official, final tally for the 2014 SOAR XXXVIII election.

The committee met in Oceanside, California today, Oct. 13, 2014 to count the ballots which had to be received in my mailbox by the end of business on September 30, 2014, as noted in the SOA PRP and per the directive of the SOA BOD.

The election final results are:

I received 147 envelopes that contained SOA ballots. Each of those submissions I personally checked with SOA Membership Committee Chairman Ray Calafell for the eligibility status of each member

Rick Estes received 132 votes for PRESIDENT. Five ballots had no check mark for this post.

Tyler Furbish received 100 votes for VICE PRESIDENT. Candidate John Russell received 38 votes for vice president. One ballot had no VP vote.

Tom Cunningham received 90 votes for DIRECTOR. Candidate Jim Day received 47 votes for director. One ballot was disallowed in the director column because the member voted for both candidates.

Write-ins:

John S. Meyer received two write-in votes for president.

John Hutchens received one write-in vote for director.

Ballot Oddities:

Five ballots were NOT tallied because they had no name and no SOA #.

Two ballots were eliminated for technical irregularities: One member hadn't paid his dues, a vote was cast after a member had died.

The ballot of one associate member was not tallied. Associates can't vote.

The votes on incomplete ballots were counted. All votes were tallied.

Final Disposition:

All ballots have been retained and will be hand delivered to SOA Secretary David Lucier at SOAR XXXVIII, to be destroyed 30 days after today's tally, unless the SOA President asks for a delay for the good of the SOA.

Final Tally:

A total of 147 ballots were mailed to me. All were reviewed by SOA Membership Chairman Ray Calafell for voter eligibility. I want to thank Chairman Calafell for his due diligence in working with me during this process.

In summary, of the 147 ballots cast, 139 were eligible to vote, 5 were not counted because they contained no name or SOA membership number and 3 were disqualified for cause, as enumerated above.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Keele – SOA # 2959 GA
Chairman



SOA Nominating Committee and SOA Board Elections 2015

1 - The SOA Board of Directors wishes to inform the membership that in accordance with the SOA By-Laws, a “Nominating Committee” of three general members shall select, and nominate candidates qualified to be Officers and/or Directors. In furtherance of that effort the SOA Board of Directors has selected Brian R. Vines, SOA # 3120-GL as Chair of the Nominating Committee with assistance from Clyde J. Sincere, Jr., SOA # 010-GL, and Jay Massey, SOA # 442-GL.

2 - Additionally, in compliance with the “staggered” SOA Election of Officers and Directors system, the SOA shall elect a Secretary, SOA, and two (2) Directors, SOA positions (Place 2 and 3) for a three (3) year term effective during the conduct of the SOAR XXXIX GMM, Wednesday, 21 October 2015.

3 – In accordance with the SOA By-Laws, in order to qualify to “compete” for any Board position, a member must be a general member (life or annual) in “good standing”, and have attended a least one (1) of the last three (3) SOARs including the day before the General Membership Meeting, the General Membership Meeting (GMM), and the Banquet prior to competing for office.

4 - Following the receipt of all candidate bio’s and photo’s, the committee will prepare an informational summary for the PRP. It will reflect each candidate’s name, position for which he is running, a short (no more than 150 words) bio on the candidate and a passport size photo. Prospective candidates are reminded that their Bio and Passport size photo must be in the hands of one of the members of the SOA Nominating Committee, NLT Friday, 15 May 2015.

5 - The SOAR XXXIX Pre-Registration Packet (PRP) will contain the biography/photo data, the Official SOA Election Ballot (with spaces under each category position for any write-in candidates) and a pre-addressed envelope for voting members to mail their completed ballot to the Chairman of the SOA Tally Committee, NLT 30 September 2014 for tabulation and presentation of the results of the election at the SOAR XXXIX General Membership Meeting.

6 - Any SOA General Member desiring to compete for one of the open positions should seek out a member of the Nominating Committee, and inform them of your desire to compete. Interested individuals may submit their bio and photograph data to: Brian R. Vines, Chairman, SOA Nominating Committee, via email at brian.vines@aol.com or regular mail at 2671 Lookout Lane, Kissimmee, Florida 34746. Queries may be addressed to any member of the Nominating Committee.

SOAR XXXVIII Donations

On behalf of the SOA Board of Officers, Directors, and Special Staff we wish to publicly thank all who contributed to the success of SOAR XXXVIII by donating to this year's various silent auctions, door prizes, archives, and entertainment.

Hopefully, as in past years, we did not miss recognizing a donor. If per chance you did contribute an item and we neglected to recognize you, please accept our profound apology. We promise to do better next year at SOAR XXXIX.

The following individuals/organizations/firms donated silent auction items, door prizes, SOA Archival items, and/or cash in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund, the SOA Operation "Bright Light" Program Fund, SOA Warrior's Family Program Fund, and the SOA Personal Video History Project. Thank you one and all:

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Raffle / Silent Auction Winners

THE SOAR XXXVIII SOA GEORGE C. MORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND RAFFLE:

WINNER: Chester C. Zaborowski, SOA # 3084-GL, (Ticket # 09469)
Item: 1904 \$20 Liberty Head Gold Coin

The SOAR XXXVIII Major Item Silent Auctions:

- (1) Purchaser: Slawomir “Rick” Grabianowski. Item: Pistol, GLOCK, USA, donated by GLOCK, USA, Inc. via SOA Member Chester Howard in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
- (2) Purchaser: Saverio “Sam” Todaro. Item: The First Special Service Force/Devil’s Brigade Gold & Silver 2013 Commemorative Coin Set, donated by SOA Member Justin E. “Gene” McCarthy in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
- (3) Purchaser: Alfred “Fred” Platt. Item: Hat, Fur (Otter), donated by Leonard Moreau in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
- (4) Purchaser: Frank Moore. Item: Watch, Swiss Invicta, donated by Thomas M. Cunningham, Jr. in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
- (5) Purchaser: Thomas M. Cunningham, Jr. Item: Knife, “Dead Moose Ops”, donated by Jeffrey Stone, a Special Operations History Buff, and a friend of SOA members, Larry Trimble and Bill Werther in support of the SOA Operation “Brightlight” Program Fund.
- (6) Purchaser: Stanley H. Shank. Item: Lithograph/Picture – “Aiming High”, created by Artist Don Stewart, and donated by Eric L. Roberts and his wife Susan in support of the SOA Operation “Brightlight” Program Fund.
- (7) Purchaser: Michael F. Keele. Item: Knife, “Dead Moose Ops”, donated by Jeffrey Stone, a Special Operations History Buff, and a friend of SOA members, Larry Trimble and Bill Werther in support of the SOA Warrior’s Family Program Fund.
- (8) Purchaser: Lawrence L. Little, Jr. Item: Alaska Chinook Lodge – “Bed & Breakfast for Two (2), for Three (3) Days, Plus One (1) Day of Fishing on the Kenai, donated by Richard “Rich” D. Mallowney in support of the SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all of you for supporting SOA programs!

TAPS

Jack G. Halladay	SOA#2905	12 Sep. 12
Ronald D. Colwell	SOA#1180	7 Nov. 13
Ron Barend	SOA#1063	13 Nov. 13
Charles W. Norton	SOA#871	16 Nov. 13
James Zachary	SOA#1452	18 Jan. 14
Paul Eddie Hill	SOA#2106	31 Jan. 14
Randolph "Jandy" Brooke	SOA#2258	1 Feb. 14
Celestino William Garcia	SOA#1052	11 Feb. 14
George S. Arvidson	SOA#411	9 Mar. 14
Col. O. Lee Mize	SOA#1257	12 Mar. 14
James W. Edgell	SOA#311	12 Mar. 14
Lt. Col. Newlin Happersett	SOA#225	23 Mar. 14
Bob Willman	SOA#1855	01 Apr. 14
F.M. Ritchie	SOA#734	9 Apr. 14
James R. McGlon	SOA#1589	25 Apr. 14
Roger L. Sullivan	SOA#976	4 May 14
Lou Smith	SOA#134	1 May 14
Paul C. Payne	SOA#2098	16 June 14
John McGovern	SOA#2574	19 June 14
Patrick Hephner	SOA#1249	20 June 14
Col. (R) George A. Fisher	SOA#636	5 July 14
SGM Jon R. Cavaiani (MOH)	SOA# 1000	29 July 14
Jan Janosik	SOA#2446	30 July 14
Ray Whittington	SOA#49	20 Aug. 14
Alfonso Stevens	SOA#3050	30 Aug. 14
Theodore Darby Aslund	SOA#2875	21 Sep. 14
Bobby G. Moon	SOA#1193	3 Nov. 14
James G "Jim" Ringland III	SOA#1498	6 Nov. 14
Francis (Frank) Quinn	SOA#1451	20 Nov. 14
Fredrick (Fred) Forrest Mentzer	SOA#1451	14 Dec. 14

2014 Registrar Report

2014 marked the 50th anniversary of MACVSOG. 356 members and their 318 guests celebrated this milestone in our history.

Overall attendance increased 13% over last year, making SOAR 38 the most attended reunion since I started tracking attendance in 2007.

Attendance by Member Type:

322	General
16	Associate
1	Operation Associate
4	Honorary
6	Widows
7	Organizations & Vendors

Total Attendance:

356	Members
318	Guests
674	Total Attendance

In 2013, an option was added to the SOA website so members could fill out their registration form online. This year 50% of our members chose this option. I would like to thank those who registered online, and encourage everyone to visit our website next year and checkout the online process. It is fast, easy, and secure.

Thank you to the 50 plus members and guests who volunteered this year. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of our reunion.

I look forward to serving as your Registrar in 2015 and encourage everyone to make plans to attend SOAR 39. It is not a reunion without you. If you haven't seen some of your SOA buddies lately, call them and encourage them to attend as well.

Have a great year. I look forward to seeing you at SOAR 39.

Ray Frovarp
Registrar
4072 Ardenwoods Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306
rmfrovarp@nc.rr.com

State of the Membership Annual Report

The SOA recruiting year ended 20 October 2014 with a total of 47 new members entered into the official roster. The numbers translated to 95% members in the General category, with 5% in the Associate category. Based on these numbers, the SOA is maintaining its normal annual growth as shown by studying past years, and the good news is that we are attracting well-qualified General members.

I want to thank all of our members, both old and new, for your co-operation and assistance in making my job easier. I try to provide you with service with a smile and hope that this translates to a pleasant experience when joining, renewing, reinstating or when asking questions.

A key thing to remember is that **ALL ANNUAL** memberships are paid in advance and are due and payable by the 1st of January and will be delinquent after the 1st of February of the year that they are due. Once a General Member, Associate Member or Operational Associate's dues are delinquent he will be removed from the Membership or Operational Associate active roster. **Delinquent members are not included on the mail list.** Please put a note magnet on your refrigerators: **PAY SOA DUES BY January 1.**

I have been extremely fortunate to have had Ray and Ronnie Frovarp as my mentors in the upgrading of the official roster for the SOA. In the short time that I have had the responsibility to maintain the database, the Frovarps have stepped up and assisted me in learning the computer program in which the database resides, in cleaning up a large number of entry errors which have caused some members in good standing to not receive their PRPs and AARs in a timely fashion, and in curing errors which have made working with the database quite difficult. We have been working together now for less than ten months and I can tell you that the database is getting to be the best source of member information that we have ever had. It will likely take a couple of years of work before we can comfortably say that the database is close to 100% accurate – a lot of it depends on you, our members, advising us of changes in your contact information, new addresses, new telephone numbers, new emails, and most importantly as we are all aging, your next-of-kin. Without your assistance, the database can never be totally accurate, so please keep us informed.

One additional benefit to having accurate information in our database concerns the ease with which you can register for the reunion, pay dues online, make reunion hotel reservations that automatically add the member discount and otherwise make the membership experience as easy as possible. Please make sure to thank our Treasurer, Pete Buscetto, for setting the online billing and payment system that has worked so very efficiently.

Thank you all for your friendships, your support, and your patience as we try to make the SOA the best combat veterans' organization around.

Ray Calafell
SOA Membership Committee Chairman

Note: The application for membership can be found on pp. 71-72 in the back of this AAR.



January 1
(Every Year)

**PAY YOUR DUES AND
NOBODY GETS HURT.**

(A friendly reminder from your local
Membership Committee)



Video History Project

This year marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam Studies and Observations Group and we were proud to be able to conduct more interviews that will preserve the history of SOG. Present at SOAR XXXVIII were Chief SOG Major General John Singlaub (ret), USAF Brigadier General “Russ” McCarthy (ret), and Colonel Tom Henry (ret) who did interviews to help fill in pieces of SOG’s history that would have been forgotten. Eleven others also took part and added even more information on the previously classified missions of SOG. Each interview done for the Video History Project is stored in the SOA Archives so that the dedication and sacrifices of those who served in SOG or supported their mission will never be forgotten.

It is vital to get as many interviews as possible, as quickly as possible. The clock is ticking and with each passing year we lose more members. None of us is getting any younger and this last year saw the SOA lose more members than we would have liked. For this reason alone I ask that every member of the SOA make an effort to attend the reunions and sit for an interview. It doesn’t take long and you will be back with your buddies telling war stories in no time. If you cannot attend the reunions and are passing through St. Louis, Missouri, please let me know as we conduct interviews here, as well. Also, if you would like to be interviewed but cannot travel, please let me know. We will be traveling to some locations as time and funds are available.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone who has participated in the SOA Video History Project and to urge the rest of you to get involved. Now!

Dennis J. Cummings
SOA Archivist
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Archives

This year the SOA archives received a number of new donations that help to preserve the history of SOG and the units that supported them. Our first donation earlier in the year came from Robert “Spider” Parks who donated his two SOG plaques and two knives. In his collection was his SOG knife that was used by both Spider and Pat Watkins on the night of August 23, 1968 to cut the bands around cases of mortar rounds. The other knife was given to him by Glenn Lane who had captured it during the fight to relieve Lang Vie. All of these items were on display at this year’s SOAR for everyone to see.

During SOAR, others came by to donate as well. Joe “China Boy” Lopez, Sr., donated a photo of himself while serving with a Mike Force. Paul Duffy, a former member of the Australian Special Air Service Regiment donated an SASR coin, a pair of cloth parachute wings and an SASR jacket. Robert Hall and the guys from the 20th SOS Green Hornets donated a number of items. If you came by the archive table and saw the cutaway rocket then you know how much work went into that project on behalf of the SOA. Also donated by the 20th - an MK66 Mod3 rocket motor, as well as a KA-BAR knife carried from 1969-1972, and a Fairbairn-Sykes fighting knife issued to the First Air Commando Wing. Shirley Williams donated documents and photographs during the reunion and continues to send items regularly. Her husband flew Cobra gunships in support of SOG and was in the air over RT Kansas on the day they were overrun. Shirley donated the audio tape of that mission to the SOA and it is a very welcome addition to our archives. More of the items Shirley donated will be on display next year during SOAR XXXIX so please stop by and look them over. And while you are at the table feel free to drop off any donations of uniform items, photographs, insignia, equipment and documents as the archive needs them. This is your history and will be preserved for future generations, so please give everything you can to help us in our mission to preserve the history of Special Operations.

In closing I would like to thank everyone above for their contributions and apologize if I missed anyone. We will continue to display these items at our reunions for everyone to enjoy. If you wish to make a donation of items for the archives please contact me using the information listed below.

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

EARLY WARNING ORDER SOAR XXXIX

WHAT: SOAR XXXIX

WHEN: 19 - 23 October 2015

WHERE: THE ORLEANS HOTEL/CASINO
4500 West Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103
800.675.3267
www.orleanscasino.com/Groups

NOTE 1: If reservations are made using a credit or debit card, the first night's deposit will be charged immediately

DEADLINE: The deadline for the negotiated reduced SOAR accomodation rate is
15 September 2015

RATES: Sunday - Thursday, \$35 + tax + resort fee (per day)
Friday and Saturday, \$89 + tax + resort fee (per day)

NOTE 2: When making your reservations, inform the representative that you are with the Special Operations Association and provide them with the Group Code A5SOC10

That is: Alpha-Five-Sierra-Oscar-Charlie-One-Zero

SEE YOU AT SOAR XXXIX

Operation Brightlight

FACTS: The SOA, established in December 1977, is a fraternal veteran's organization of past and present American and Allied military personnel who have conducted special operations in a combat environment commencing with WWII through, and including, our most recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

INFORMATIONAL: In 2005 the SOA Board of Directors established The SOA Operation Brightlight Committee to assist members of the SOA experiencing personal financial hardships to attend an annual Special Operations Association Reunion. Without some type of monetary assistance, those SOA members affected would not be able to attend a reunion. The committee investigates each candidate for assistance, votes on their eligibility, and submits full reports to the SOA Board of Directors on any funds used to bring the SOA member to SOAR.

ELIGIBILITY: All SOA members are eligible for assistance once approved by the committee. Since 2005, 26 SOA members, and in unique cases, two (2) family members, have received some level of assistance from the Operation Brightlight fund. All SOA members who received Brightlight assistance remain anonymous to the general membership. Members who have candidates for Operation Brightlight assistance are requested to contact committee members John "Tilt" Meyer or Rick Grabianowski.

CONTRIBUTIONS: The SOA supports the Operation Brightlight Fund through various fund raisers, direct monetary contributions and raffles. The Special Operations Association is recognized by the Department of Defense and by the IRS as a non-profit veterans organization, 501 (c) (19), operating on tax-deductible donations, (EIN # 74-2619854). Any and all contributions to this fund should be made payable to the SOA:

Attn: Pete Buscetto
Treasurer, SOA
934 Ashton Oaks Circle
Lakeland, FL 33813

Revised: 17 February 2014

Brightlight Committee Report

To: SOA Board of Directors

Fr: SOA Brightlight Committee Chairman: John S. Meyer

Committee members: Tom Waskovich, Rick Grabianowski, Pete Buscetto

Re: Annual Report on SOA Recipients of Brightlight Assistance for SOAR XXXVIII, 2014

Date: November 26, 2014

For SOAR XXXVIII the SOA Brightlight Committee approved three full rides and one partial assistance grant to the reunion for four SOA members, who are in good standing.

Since SOAR XXXVII, the committee had five potential BL candidate names submitted for consideration of assistance to attend SOAR XXXVIII. Four members attended SOAR XXXVIII thanks to the generosity of SOA members in general, and to the SOA Riders for their donation of \$1,000. It was presented during the General Membership Meeting on Wed. Oct. 22nd.

We thank Clyde Sincere for overseeing the BL fund-raising campaign and SOA Treasurer Pete Buscetto for working closely with the four recipients to work out all the travel and reimbursement details, including paying the final hotel bills for them. As always, we never publicly reveal any BL recipients name.

Here is the cost breakdown of expenses for the four BL Recipients:

Air travel - Four men	\$1,460.27
Hotel rooms - Four men	\$ 840.00
Stipends [\$300 per man]	\$1,200.00
SOA Registration fees - [\$150 per man]	\$ 600.00
Sub-Total	\$ 4,100.27
Subtract: Hotel Reimbursement - One man	\$ (99.68)
Grand Total	\$4,000.59

As of this date, the SOA Brightlight fund has \$12,039.29 remaining.

I'd like to thank Committee members Tom Waskovich, Rick Grabianowski and Pete Buscetto for another year of service to our committee. Tom resigned from the committee. I'll be looking for a replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

John S. Meyer
Operation Brightlight Committee Chairman



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

FACTS: The Special Operations Association Scholarship Grants are awarded by the SOA and must be used at an accredited, Junior College, Community College, Four-year College or University for studies which will lead to a Bachelor's Degree. Each Grant is for \$1,000 per semester not to exceed \$2,000 per year (Maximum of four (4) years and paid at the rate of \$1,000 per Fall and Spring Semesters).

BASIC GRANT CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY: A high school graduate or a high school student anticipating graduation during the year of application, unmarried or married and under the age of 21 years at the time of application and must be a son, daughter or grandchild, natural or legally adopted, of an individual who served in a Special Operations unit and is a SOA member in good standing and such SOA member remains a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship awarded. An applicant who is the child or grandchild of a MIA or KIA who was a member of SOA or who would have been eligible to be a member of SOA is also eligible to apply. A student who is already attending an institution of higher learning may apply, provided that they were under 21 years of age at the time that they began their studies at the institution, and have been enrolled full-time and in good standing since beginning their studies.

APPLICATIONS: Application packages are available from 15 September of the previous year to 15 March of the year that the grant will be awarded. The deadline for the submission of all formal applications is 15 April of the year the grant will be awarded.

AWARDS: On approximately 1 July of that year, selectees/recipients of a Special Operations Association Scholarship Grant will be appropriately notified by mail.

INFORMATIONAL: As of September 2014, 152 young men and women have been awarded a scholarship since the program began in 1983.

**Special Operations Association Scholarship
c/o Christopher E. McClure
Scholarship Committee Chairman
715 N. Bloodworth Street
Raleigh, NC 27604-1229
Email: cmclure@tech-architect.com**

**EMAIL CHRIS McCLURE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATIONS**

Revised: 29 December 2014

George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Annual Report 2014

Recipient Status

- Two Class of 2015 students, Sloan Elizabeth Shank and Bailey Alexandra Oas remain in the program.
- Three Class of 2016 students, Andrea Deuschle, Danielle Susan Edwards, and Samantha Shipman, remain in the program. One Class of 2016 student, Ms. Lynsey Anttila, is on hold with the program, pending her completion of short-term military training service. She intends to return to college full-time after her active duty military service obligation, and if she does so, she will be reinstated in the program.
- Three Class of 2017 students, Sloane Echevarria, Elizabeth Oden, and Shannon Randall, in addition to Ms. Shipman, Class of 2016 noted above, remain in the program.
- One Class of 2018 student, Mr. Sean L. Wilson, is a new recipient this year.
- Nine scholarship recipients therefore are currently active and ten remain eligible in the program this semester. The following is an overview of recipients by class, not including the student who is on hold:

➤ Seniors	2
➤ Juniors	3
➤ Sophomores	3
➤ Freshmen	1

The eligible nine scholarship active recipients have been or will be sent checks for the 2014 Fall Semester.

2014 Financials

- The SOA's total outstanding scholarship obligation at this time is \$39,000. The following is the current outstanding liability by class:

➤ Seniors (Class of 2015)	\$ 2,000
➤ Juniors (Class of 2016)	\$14,000
➤ Sophomores (Class of 2017)	\$15,000
➤ Freshmen (Class of 2018)	\$ 8,000
Total	\$39,000

- Available funds in the designated scholarship accounts as of 1 October 2014 are as follows:

◇ Operating fund account #4329	\$ 2,219
◇ WF Scholarship savings acct #0533	\$81,651
◇ Total Scholarship assets	\$83,870

More current information may be found in the current Treasurer's Report.

Summary:

Current scholarship value for four years is \$8,000. Stipend checks will be \$1,000 per semester for this year's recipients, for a total scholarship value of \$8,000 per recipient. This represents the stipend level that began with the class scholarship application cycle in 2011. It is recommended that the current total scholarship value be maintained for the new scholarship awards, beginning in Fall 2015, for a total scholarship value of \$8,000 per recipient. The amount of available funds for award is based upon the amount raised from all sources, less program expenses, between the previous two SOAR's (for the 2015 academic year's awards, that means from the end of SOAR 2013 through the end of SOAR 2014), with award recommendations being limited by that amount, plus additional funds as authorized by the SOA Board, if the Board deems it necessary or desirable. Some cushion has been maintained by students occasionally not remaining in the program, for one reason or another, by suspension for academic reasons, by not awarding full four year scholarships to advanced-standing students, and by not having an "even" amount for scholarships or by not having enough applicants for the amount raised in the previous year. This "cushion" enables us to occasionally have the flexibility to award additional scholarship money in any given year to deserving recipients. The program remains fiscally sound.

This year, in addition to the Special Operations Association Scholarship awards, an outside donor came forward once again and funded a separate one-year \$5,000 scholarship to one of our applicants in memory of his son, who was tragically killed in an accident while in his senior year of high school. The donor's son had intended to enlist in the US Army for Special Forces training as soon as he finished high school, so his father elected to sponsor a scholarship to a first generation child of a Special Operations Association member, with the award going through the American Veterans Center. We had one first generation applicant for a scholarship this year, and the donor he selected Mr. Sean L. Wilson to receive his scholarship. It will be presented to him at the annual AVC meeting in Washington, DC this November. The meeting will be carried live on the DoD News Channel (formerly the Pentagon Channel), and perhaps other commercial television channels. SOA will be represented at that presentation.



Christopher E. McClure, AIA
Scholarship Committee Chairman



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SOA Warrior's Family Fund

The SOA Warrior's Family Fund was established in 2012 to assist SOA family members who couldn't afford to attend SOAR. Family members who need assistance can apply for financial help by contacting Bill Werther, Horace Boner or Art Driscoll. In 2014 we helped finance four SOA family members.

The committee investigates each family for assistance, votes on their eligibility and submits a full report to the SOA Board of Directors.

August 15th 2015 will be the deadline to submit you application for assistance.

Contributions:

Any and all contributions to this fund should be made payable to the SOA Warrior's Family Fund.

Submitted by
Bill Werther, Chairman

The SOA Has Heart

Look no further than its Family Warriors Fund, chaired by SOA Director Bill Werther, for genuine, heart-felt proof.

Through the Family Warriors Fund, Bill is able to bring family members of men killed in action during SOG's secret war, to SOAR.

Since the SOA membership approved the formation of the Family Warriors Fund, there have been several unique cases where family members were able to meet for the first time and talk with Green Berets and aviators who may have known their loved ones who remain listed as Missing In Action today and are presumed to be dead.

And, in unique cases, through the Family Warriors Fund, the committee is able to financially assist family members to attend SOAR thanks to the generous donations of SOA members.

Mary Queen, the widow of SOA member and DSC recipient Bill Queen, attended SOAR XXXVIII thanks to assistance through this fund. The brother and sister of Jerry "Maddog" Shriver attended SOAR XXXVII after receiving assistance from this fund.

Other relatives who attended SOAR XXXVIII included Judi Boyer Bouchard, sister of SOG MIA Alan Boyer, who went missing in action running a mission out of FOB 1 in March 1968. Over the recent decades, Judi has attended various hearings and POW/MIA gatherings, but learned very little about her brother Alan Boyer, of ST Asp.

"I'm so grateful to the SOA and to Bill for making it possible for me to attend the reunion this year," Judi said, "because I learned more about my brother in those few days and the type of missions he ran as a Green Beret, than I had anywhere else in recent decades."

With no other blood relatives alive, Judi said, "it was heartwarming to know that I am part of a bigger family."

"I want to thank Bill and the SOA for having me as their guest at this year's SOAR. It was truly an experience I will always remember. To be surrounded by so many heroes and meet guys who knew Alan was an amazing experience."

Another first-time SOAR attendee was Linda E. Haynie. In 1967, she met and fell deeply in love with Green Beret John T. Gallagher. At the time, she held a job in Atlanta while John went about training for a tour of duty in Vietnam at Ft. Bragg.

"We agreed to get married after he returned from Vietnam," Linda said, "but that wasn't meant to be."

On Jan. 5, running a mission from FOB 3 at Khe Sanh, John's helicopter was shot down. He was posted as MIA. For her, and John's family, the painful uncertainty of what happened to the Green Beret who had earned his Ranger tab before going to Nam in September 1967 began. John's remains were found March 15, 2002, identified November 2006 and he was buried next to his mother's grave in Hamden, CT on June 17, 2008.

The pain of not knowing what happened to John Gallagher haunted Linda, as she couldn't get any basic questions answered, even after his remains were identified and he was buried. Linda said she finally began to get a sense of what John did in SOG after reading two books: *Across The Fence* and *On The Ground*.

But, best of all for her was attending SOAR XXXVIII and to speak with six men who knew John and served with him in Vietnam.

"It was such an honor and a pleasure to meet the Band of Brothers of whom John was, and IS a part...Not only did they speak highly of him, 'Mr. Personality, everybody loved John,' but some hugged me and I instantly felt his presence in those embraces.

"Thank you for your kindness to me... He would be so proud to be a part of this amazing group of men and women who have kept the legacy of their astounding accomplishments alive...

"Needless to say, unless something catastrophic happens, I will be with Janet (McGovern) at the 2015 reunion next fall."

Special Operations Association Advertising Rate Sheet

Front Outside Cover is Not Available

Back Outside Cover \$1700

Front and Back Inside Cover \$1500

Interior Full Page \$1400

Interior 1/2 Page \$400

Interior 1/4 Page \$275

All Ads are full color

Camera Ready Artwork is furnished by advertiser.

Ads must be approved by publication manager in advance.

Ads must be consistent with current SOA guidelines.

Ads are based upon space availability.

For more information contact: ??





EIN: 26-3181830

To: Board of Directors
Special Operations Association (SOA)

November 11, 2014

From: Walter M. Hetzler
President, OASIS Group
Bldg 9176, Room 148, Ft. Lewis, WA 98433

Subject: Post Event Report

We wish to convey our appreciation for the opportunity to attend SOAR XXXVIII.

OASIS Group deployed assets that allowed us to fully staff the table you provided with two of our claims experts.

During the time period OASIS representatives were able to;

1. Provide advice or assistance to 22 of your members.
2. Three claims for an increase in disabilities were filed.
3. Two follow up claims for assistance were done after the reunion.

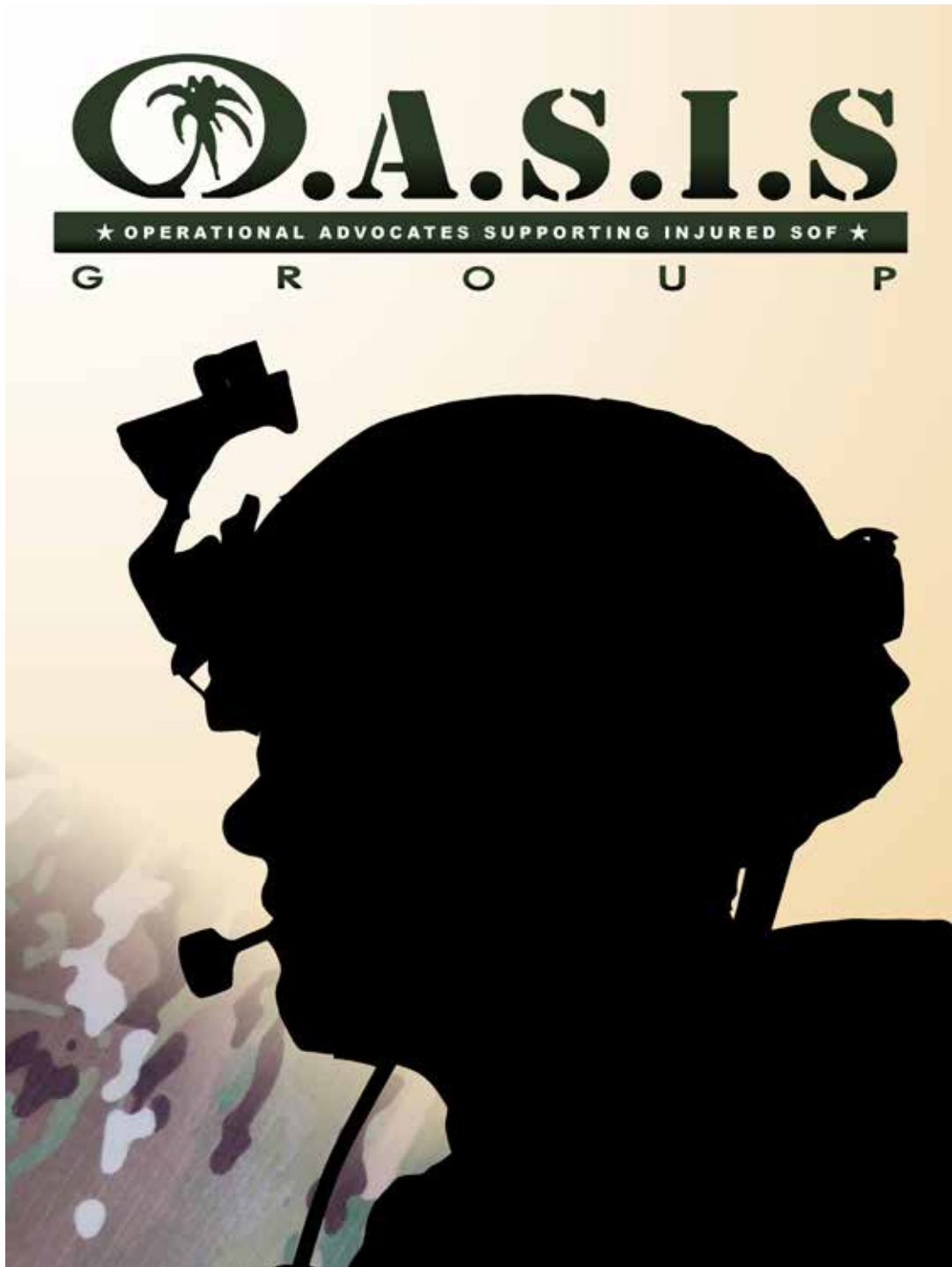
Suggestions for improvement;

1. The SOA publishes a Pre Reunion Package (PRP) usually 60 + days before the actual event. OASIS can have a full page (Tear Out) insert that outlines:

- a. The services OASIS provides.
- b. What documents the individuals should bring to help OASIS representatives assist attendees.
- c. A contact point (Phone or Web insert) to pre-schedule appointments

OASIS will forward the information to be included in the Pre Reunion Package by the suggested date for publication. We will need that date to comply with this requirement. This will allow the attendees adequate time to obtain the necessary documents.

Walter M. Hetzler
President
OASIS Group



SOA Policy Statement Reminder

The following applies to members and guests desiring to maintain a Vendor Table(s) and/or place Advertisements in either the SOAR After-Action-Report, (SOAR AAR) or SOAR Pre-Reunion Packet, (SOAR PRP):

- a. **VENDOR/EXHIBITOR:** The SOA has a policy relating to items sold to attendees at any SOAR. Vendors and/or Exhibitors must ensure that all items offered, are in “good taste”, “not of questionable moral value” and “will not reflect negatively on the SOA”. Vendors and Exhibitors agree to withdraw from display and/or sale of any items deemed unacceptable and/or not in good keeping with SOA policy. Unless previously approved, items bearing the SOA Logo will not be displayed, nor offered for sale. No Vendor or Exhibitor shall assign, sublet, or share allotted space with another Vendor or Exhibitor unless prior approval has been obtained. Vendors and/or Exhibitors are solely responsible for their wares. Neither, the Orleans Hotel/Casino or the Special Operations Association will assume responsibility for any lost or stolen items.
- b. **ADVERTISEMENTS:** The SOA has a policy relating to any Advertisement placed in either the SOAR AAR or SOAR PRP. Any prospective Advertiser desiring to place an Advertisement in either the AAR or PRP must ensure that the Advertisement is in “good taste”, “not of questionable moral value”, and “will not reflect negatively on the SOA, or any of its members”.
- c. **SOA RESPONSIBLE AGENT:** The Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee is the responsible “Agent”, acting on behalf of the SOA Board of Officers and Directors in all matters relating to acceptance, or rejection of prospective Vendor/ Exhibitor requests, or Placement of Advertisements in either SOA annual publications.
- d. **SOA BOARD:** Finally, in the event a prospective Vendor/Exhibitor or Advertiser does not agree with the decision of the Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee, the SOA Board is the final arbitrator. Anything that it deems is inappropriate will not be allowed for display or publication.

Endowments, Bequests, and Wills

A number of SOA members have expressed an interest in including the association as a beneficiary on their wills, or other estate planning. The SOA has been requested to provide some information on what would be necessary to accomplish this task.

First - It is imperative that the membership understand that the SOA cannot provide any legal advice, or, can any information imparted to the membership be relied upon as “legal advice or legal language sufficient for all persons, jurisdictions and circumstances.” Prospective benefactors must realize that laws on descent and devise, wills, trusts and estates vary from state to state. Typically, the laws of the state in which the benefactor was domiciled govern the administration of his estate, though even this can be affected by property in other states.

Second - Any member considering the SOA as a benefactor in his will must consult an attorney or licensed estate planner to ensure compliance with the laws of his state. For example, one aspect of trust and estate laws that does vary significantly is the number of witnesses necessary for a codicil or an amendment to a will (or for the creation of an entire will itself) to be validly created and recognized by the courts and law, and whether the document must have each of the witnesses’ signatures notarized. Despite those variations in law, having at least two witness signatures notarized should ensure legal validity in most cases. Nevertheless, everyone is encouraged to consult an attorney to ensure that all laws and requirements have been met in all estate planning.

Third - The Special Operations Association will accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever for harm, difficulty, or invalidity of any will or other estate planning document which is adversely affected by a member (or his family’s) sole reliance on this language without consulting a qualified attorney, licensed in the state in which the member is domiciled.

Fourth - The following is provided as possible language that could be included in a will where the testator wished to leave something to the Special Operations Association:

I. General language for a Bequest

- A. “I give all my real and personal property to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of John C. Russell, Jr., Secretary, SOA, located at 24782 Rochelle Lane, Lake Forest, California 92630-3241, for its unrestricted use.”
Or,
- B. “I give all my real and personal property to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of John C. Russell, Jr., Secretary, SOA, located

A. at 24782 Rochelle Lane, Lake Forest, California 92630-3241 for the specific purpose of supporting (one of the following specific projects):

1. The SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.”
2. The SOA Operation Brightlight Program Fund.”
3. The SOA Save the Montagnard People (STMP) Program Fund.”
4. The SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.”
5. The SOA Warrior’s Family Fund.”

I. Specific Bequest language:

A. “I give _____ (\$\$\$ amount, description of item, e.g., car, boat, etc., legal description of real property - home, farm, etc., or a % of residue or remainder of estate, a specific asset/stock/security) to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of John C. Russell, Jr., Secretary, SOA, located at 24782 Rochelle Lane, Lake Forest California 92630-3241, for its unrestricted use.” Or,

B. “I give _____ (\$\$\$ amount, description of item, e.g., car, boat, etc., legal description of real property – home, farm, etc., or a % of residue or remainder of estate, a specific asset/stock/security) to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of John C. Russell, Jr., Secretary, SOA, located at 24782 Rochelle Lane, Lake Forest, California 92630-3241 for the specific purpose (one of the following specific projects):

1. The SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.”
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C. “If at any time in the judgment of the governing body of the Organization, it is deemed impossible or impracticable to carry out the stated purpose of the bequest, the governing body of the Organization shall determine a purpose as near as possible to the purpose stated in the bequest.”

II. There are a multitude of other possibilities, some of which are:

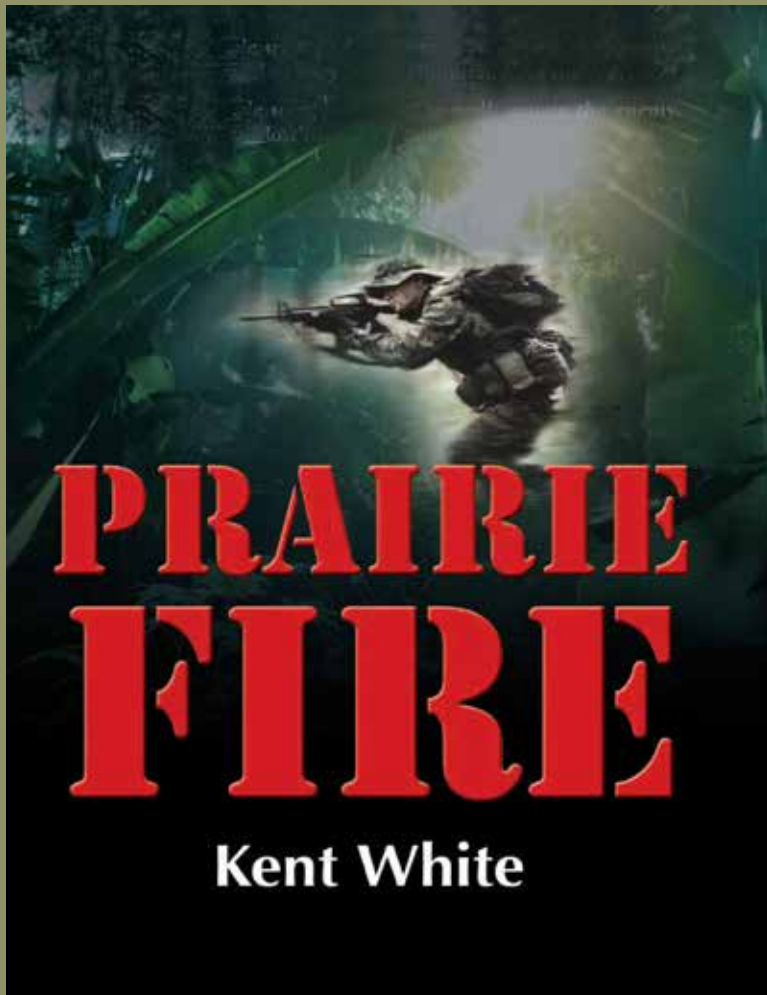
A. Giving all or a percentage of what remains of an estate after all specific bequests having been satisfied and debts and expenses have been paid (the “rest, residue and remainder of the estate”).

B. Give all or a portion of your estate in the event that a named beneficiary is not alive when the testator dies.

C. Establish a testamentary charitable trust in one’s will, with a “pour-over” clause to designate which assets are to be placed in a trust with income paid to one or more beneficiaries for their lifetime, with the trust going to the veteran’s organization upon

- A. the death of the last income beneficiary.
- B. Establish a trust in perpetuity in one's will, funded by some asset(s), (e.g., Life Insurance) with the beneficiary being the veteran's organization and the netincome to be paid to the veteran's organization and to be disbursed by the governing body of the veteran's organization either for a specific purpose or in their sole discretion.

Fifth - For your planning purposes, the Special Operations Association is recognized by the Department of Defense (DOD), and by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a non-profit veterans organization 501 (c) (19), operating on tax deductible donations, (EIN # 74-2619854). Should you have any queries whatsoever, at anytime, always consult with your attorney.



In 1967, the war in South Vietnam is raging. The North Vietnamese Army is pushing relentlessly into South Vietnam from its jungle sanctuaries in Cambodia and Laos, bringing supplies and destruction with it. Deadly clashes between NVA and U.S. military units are on the rise.

A covert, top-secret unit, Studies and Observation Group, or SOG, has been formed to gather valuable intelligence on the enemy build-up. A captured NVA soldier turned defector divulges the location of a POW camp in Laos, where American and South Vietnamese soldiers are being incarcerated. A six-man, SOG reconnaissance team is assigned the dangerous mission to investigate the purported prison . . . but at what cost?

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Planned Monthly Giving Program

SOA Charities have always depended on the generosity of our members and their families. From the very beginning, this is how we have always operated and, for the most part, this is how we will most likely continue to operate into the future. To make this easier and more efficient for everyone, the Board of Directors has voted to begin a new program that allows our members, their families and friends, as well as the general public to make donations on a planned monthly basis in a way that is hassle free and easy to manage.

Members can use the attached Form or sign up on-line to begin making payment on a monthly basis that are comfortable to their unique budgets and circumstances.

The Planned Monthly Giving Program is designed to keep the Member firmly in control at all times:

- ✓ Members **choose the charity** they want to support. Simply check the box next to the fund you want to have your donation applied.
- ✓ Members choose **how much** to donate each month by entering the dollar amount on the Monthly Contribution Line. There are no high or low limits (below \$5.00/month) and members and enter any number in *\$10.00 increments* (\$10.00, \$20.00, etc.).
- ✓ Members choose **how** they want their donation to be paid by selecting one of the available options.
- ✓ Members choose **when** they want their donations to be paid by selecting the day when it is *most convenient for them* to have debit card, automatic withdrawals or credit card charges made to their accounts.
- ✓ Members **may change** any of these options at any time at their convenience. They can elect to increase or decrease the amount of their donation, how it's to be paid, when it's to be paid, from what account it's to be drawn from or can simply withdraw from the program at any time.

The Planned Monthly Giving Program was designed to maximize control for our members while minimizing hassle and involvement. Register just one time; forget about it until you want to make a change.

Each of the individual SOA Charities and the General Fund have been set up on the new web site with this program to allow you to take advantage of making monthly donations. It is simple and easy to do.

Before year-end you can go to the SOA Web Site: <http://www.specialoperations.org/> and you'll find a new tab entitled "**Planned Monthly Giving Program.**" For now though, even though it is not activated, you can get a feel of how it will work when you go to any of the charities listed under the *Donate On-Line* Header on the bottom right side of the home page. This is currently set up for one- time donations.

Each of the charities and funds currently available for participation are listed and as new ones are brought on line they will be added to this list. For now though, just scroll down until you find the one you want to support first, click on it and you will see a brief description of the charity and a button titled "*Donate Now.*"

Clicking this button credits this and all future donations to your selected charity. Again you can select any amount *starting at just \$10.00, \$20.00* or as much as you are comfortable giving. After entering the dollar amount you will be asked to complete the phishing protection input which is an electronic means of protecting you and your account. Just enter whatever crazy combination of letters and numbers, being sure to use capitals as indicated, on the screen.

This will open a secure portal where you can choose to make your contribution an on-going contribution by checking the box in the upper right corner or leave it blank and your donation will be a one-time donation. Once you have completed that, just fill in the remainder of the information for your credit or debit card and that is all there is to it. This box is what will make it possible for ***continuous giving.*** When this box is activated, your check off will mean the amount you have designated will be withdrawn from your account on a monthly basis.

We *encourage every member* to identify at least one SOA Charity or fund you will support through the Planned Monthly Giving Program and *to start supporting them on a monthly basis* with whatever *amount is most comfortable* for your specific situation.

For more information or to have your specific questions contact Director Cork Motsett at cork130@gmail.com



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Planned Monthly Giving Program

Registration Form

Special Operations Association Charities and Operations depends on the generosity of our members, their families, friends and the Public to help those in need and who are most deserving of our assistance. The Planned Monthly Giving Program is an opportunity to schedule your donations in monthly increments that best fit your personal situation and doesn't create a financial strain on your own budget. To participate just fill in this form and return it in the envelope provided, fax or e-mail it to the Treasurer (Fax (863)646-9872; or e-mail ccsrecon@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Registration Desk during SOAR XXXIX.

___ Monthly Contributions to be made by:

___ Payment by Check (Personal or Corporate): Checks Mailed to SOA Treasurer: 934 Ashton Oaks Circle Lakeland, FL 33813
If by Automatic Withdrawal or Credit Card please fill in completely

___ Payment by Credit Card: ___ Visa ___ Master Card ___ American Express ___ Discover Card



**Monthly donations by credit card can be made on the SOA WEB-SITE:
www: specialoperations.org.**

Date Credit Card to be charged/Automatic Withdrawals made each month*: Please check only one box

___ 1st of Billing Month ___ 10th of Billing Month ___ 15th of Billing Month
___ 20th of Billing Month ___ 25th of Billing Month ___ 30th of Billing Month

*The bank will charge your credit card or make the automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings

Please use the SOA website for recurring payments.-Contact the SOA Treasurer if you need help setting up recurring payments at soatreasurer@specialoperations.org.

___ Payment by Automatic Withdrawals: You can set up automatic payments to the SOA please contact the Treasurer by email with contact information so he may call you

IMO (In Memory Of) Assignment:

Please check the appropriate box to identify which fund your donation is to be assigned and in whose name you wish to memorialize. Please include the entire name of the person you want remembered: (Please Print Neatly)

- ___ George C. Morton Scholarship Fund IMO: _____
- ___ Brightlight Fund IMO: _____
- ___ SOA Warrior Family Fund IMO: _____
- ___ Video History Fund IMO: _____
- ___ General Fund IMO: _____

Monthly Charge/Withdrawal Authorization:

By signing below, you are authorizing the Special Operations Association to charge your credit card or make automatic withdraws from your checking/savings account in the amount specified on the designated day, below. Withdrawal/charges will continue monthly until written notice to stop or suspend charges/withdrawals is submitted to the Treasurer.

My authorization to charge my credit card shall remain in effect until I notify the SOA Treasurer in writing that I wish to end this agreement and the SOA has had reasonable time to act on it.

A record of each payment will be included on my card statement and will serve as my receipt. In the event of an error, I have the right to instruct my credit card corporation to reverse any charge. I understand I must do this by written notice within 15 days of the date of the credit card statement, or within 45 days after the charge was made.

Authorizing Signature: _____

WHEN TERROR COMES TO MAIN STREET
“A Citizen’s Guide To Terror Awareness, Preparedness and Prevention”
BY: Lieutenant Colonel Joseph A. Ruffini, U.S. Army (Retired)

In the wake of the recent terror attack in Boston during the running of the Boston Marathon, the Special Operations Association wishes to reinforce its commitment to alerting all Americans to the dangers of TERROR that we are facing more and more on our nation’s soil. Unfortunately, TERROR as we know and understand it today is a threat that is not going to go away in our lifetime.

In order to better assist in the dissemination of this public information campaign, the SOA is prepared to offer anyone desiring to acquire a copy of this veritable encyclopedia of information the opportunity to “Buy one, receive a second one - FREE”. You pay only \$20.00, plus shipping and handling (\$5.00).

The SOA urges each member who does not already own this book to order it. THANK YOU.

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Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee

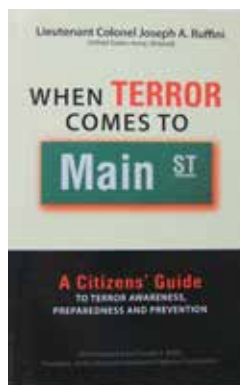
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Form available on SOA website: www.specialoperations.org

Membership Application

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP or STATUS FOR WHICH APPLYING (See Membership Criteria)

__ **GENERAL** __ **ASSOCIATE** __ **OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE**

NOTE: If you apply for General Membership but the listed qualification does not meet the criteria for General Membership, will you accept Associate or Operational Associate status? Yes ___ No ___

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP+4
PHONE	EMAIL	SSN or SERVICE NUMBER	

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION:

NAME _____ PHONE # _____

NOTE: General Membership, Associate status, and Operational Associate status all require qualification. Applications will be reviewed by the membership committee.

QUALIFICATION(S): (Attach separate sheet with Job Duties. Be specific.)

QUALIFYING UNIT	DATES	DUTY & MOS	LOCATION

NOTE: All applicants require either a sponsor who is an SOA General Member in good standing, and who has personal and first-hand knowledge of the applicant’s qualification(s), or documentation of qualification(s). Sponsorship is the primary and preferred method for all applicants. However, a sponsor is required for all with stated qualification(s) post-1986 (In lieu of sponsorship, documentation confirming qualification(s) may be considered).

SPONSOR

SPONSOR’S FULL NAME	SOA NUMBER
SPONSOR’S SIGNATURE (optional, but recommended)	DATE

SPONSOR’S STATEMENT: I am a General Member of the SOA in good standing. I have read and understand the SOA membership criteria. I hereby state that I have personal and first hand knowledge that the applicant named heron meets the requirements for membership in the SOA and thereby recommend he be accepted as a (circle one) GENERAL, ASSOCIATE, or OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE

APPLICANT'S OATH

I affirm that I have read and understand the SOA Membership Criteria and that the information submitted on this membership application form is true, correct, and voluntarily given. I understand that SOA membership or status entitles me to the rights and privileges specified in the SOA By-Laws.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE

Check or Money Order Enclosed

Check or Money Order Number: _____

Annual \$35

Life \$505

Life \$305 (over 70 only - proof required)

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Annual dues are \$30.00 USD. Life dues are \$500.00 USD for those under 70 years of age and \$300 for those 70 and older. A \$5.00 USD application fee is required. Accordingly, initial annual membership total funds due with application are \$35.00 USD, and initial life membership total funds due with application are either \$505.00 or \$305.00 USD, as applicable. Proof of age required for those 70 or over applying for initial Life membership. MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION or SOA. DO NOT SEND CASH. THEREAFTER, ANNUAL DUES ARE \$30.00 USD, PAYABLE ON A CALENDAR YEAR BASIS.

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION, ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, AND FULL INITIAL PAYMENT TO:

**Ray Calafell, Jr.
Chairman, Membership Committee
105 South Armenia Avenue
Tampa, FL 33609-3307**

MAKE CHECKS AND MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION or SOA

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read Membership Criteria before applying. All applicants must meet all requirements.
2. Complete all information requested.
3. Please list your full zip code (Zip+4).
4. Attach additional sheets as required. You must define your Job Description in enough detail for the Membership Committee to understand your qualifications.
5. A sponsor is strongly preferred but is not mandatory. It facilitates processing of applications. If no sponsor, sufficient supporting documentation of qualification must be enclosed with application.
6. Sponsorship is mandatory for any applicant for whom sufficient supporting documentation is not available (e.g., present day or recent operations).
7. Full initial payment is required with application.
8. The SOA assumes no responsibility for finding documentation or sponsorship for any applicant. Those responsibilities fall solely to the applicant.
9. Provide proof of age if 70 or over and applying for initial Life membership.
10. **DO NOT SEND CASH. INITIAL APPLICATION FUNDS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

THE SOA's MACVSOG MEDAL OF HONOR PRINT

**To honor and memorialize MACVSOG's Medal of Honor recipients and the men of MACVSOG
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Each print is 20 x 24 inches and contains the names of all of MACVSOG's Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients and the original signatures of the five surviving MACVSOG MOH recipients:

Col Robert C. Howard, US Army Special Forces, CCC, Hatchet Force Rescue (Most decorated serviceman in U.S. History, submitted for the MOH three times in 13 months and appearing on the cover of the Green Beret Magazine October 1969).

[NOTE: Colonel Howard passed away on 23 December 2009.](#)

Col James P. Fleming, US Air Force 20th Special Operation Squadron's Green Hornet for rescuing RT Chisel, CCS, from imminent annihilation.

Lt Michael E. Thornton, US Navy SEAL, STDAT, for saving the life of Lt Thomas Norris an MOH recipient (The only time in US History when a recipient is awarded a MOH for saving the life of another MOH recipient).

Lt Thomas R. Norris, US Navy SEAL, STDAT, for the famed 4 day "Bat 21" rescues of two downed pilots. Six months later, he sustained a near-fatal head wound in action and was rescued by his fellow Navy SEAL, Michael Thornton.

SGM Jon R. Cavaiani, US Army Special Forces, CCN, for his two day defense of Radio Relay Site Hickory. He was captured during the battle and was a Prisoner of War (POW) in North Vietnam for 1 year and 8 months.

[Note: SGM Cavaiani passed away on 29 July 2014](#)

PRINT IMAGES

Upper Left: Lt George Sisler, FOB 2, Hatchet Force, was Killed in Action (KIA) in Feb 1967 during a bomb damage assessment (BDA). He was the first MACVSOG Medal of Honor recipient and the first intelligence officer ever to receive the MOH.

Lower Left: Major Larry A. Thorne was lost, Missing in Action (MIA), on MACVSOG's first mission, 18 October 1965. A native of Finland, he was a recipient of the Finnish Mannerheim Cross, the equivalent of the US Medal of Honor, while serving in the Finnish Army against Russia during WWII. His remains were recovered in Laos 37 years after being declared MIA.

Right Center: On strings, during a STABO extraction in 1968, are SFC Walter Hawley, SFC Agostino Chiarello, and SFC Clifford Roberts.

Bottom Center: At Kham Duc, RVN, a Special Forces "A" camp on the Vietnam-Laotian border and a MACVSOG training and launch site, Recon Team Iowa stands in front of a Vietnamese H-34, "King Bee" helicopter prior to the launch of MACVSOG's first mission on October 18, 1965. Top left, SFC Jim "Halo" Smith; 4th from left, top, One-Zero (1-0), Team Leader SGM Charles L. "Slats" Petry, and bottom left SFC Steven W. Comerford.

Upper Right: The Radio Relay Site "Leg Horn" located in Laos.

Lower Right: A Navy SEAL Recon Team.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION'S MACVSOG MEDAL OF HONOR PRINT ORDER FORM

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Form available on SOA website: www.specialoperations.org



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM

Request you provide any changes that may have occurred in your personal data

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

SOA Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code + Four: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Dispatch to:

SOA Membership Committee
Ray Calafell
105 South Armenia Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33609-3307
enzocalafell@prodigy.net

Form available on SOA website: www.specialoperations.org



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

NEXT OF KIN

TO: All SOA Members:

Request you provide the following necessary data to the Secretary, SOA in order that he can work in concert with the Chaplain, SOA to determine the "NEXT-OF-KIN" (NOK) of a deceased member. Provisions have been made in the SOA Database to list a NOK for all members. This is a voluntary initiative. If you wish to participate in this initiative request you provide the following information to the Chairman, SOA Membership Committee by mail or e-mail:

SOA MEMBER:

*Last Name: _____

*First Name: _____

*SOA Number: _____

NEXT-OF-KIN:

*Relationship: _____

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+Four: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

NOTE: If any of the above information is the same as yours (as in the case of most spouses) request you leave it blank. You are also requested to keep the Secretary, SOA apprised of any changes that may occur.

*Required Information.

DISPATCH TO:

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Tshirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield left chest S __ M __ L __ XL __ 2X __	\$14.00	___	_____
Tshirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield left chest W/pocket S __ M __ L __ XL __ 2X __	\$16.00	___	_____
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THIS TABLE SET FOR ONE IS SMALL, SYMBOLIZING THE FRAILTY OF ONE PRISONER ALONE AGAINST HIS OPPRESSORS. REMEMBER!

THE TABLECLOTH IS WHITE, SYMBOLIZING THE PURITY OF THEIR INTENTIONS TO RESPOND TO THEIR COUNTRY'S CALL TO ARMS. REMEMBER!

THE SINGLE ROSE DISPLAYED IN A VASE REMINDS US OF THE FAMILIES AND LOVED ONES OF OUR COMRADES-IN-ARMS WHO KEPT THE FAITH AWAITING THEIR RETURN. REMEMBER!

THE RED RIBBON TIED SO PROMINENTLY ON THE VASE IS REMINISCENT OF THE RED RIBBON WORN UPON THE LAPEL AND BREASTS OF THOUSANDS WHO BEAR WITNESS TO THEIR UNYIELDING DETERMINATION TO DEMAND A PROPER ACCOUNTING OF OUR MISSING. REMEMBER!

A SLICE OF LEMON IS ON THE BREAD PLATE TO REMIND US OF THEIR BITTER FATE. REMEMBER!

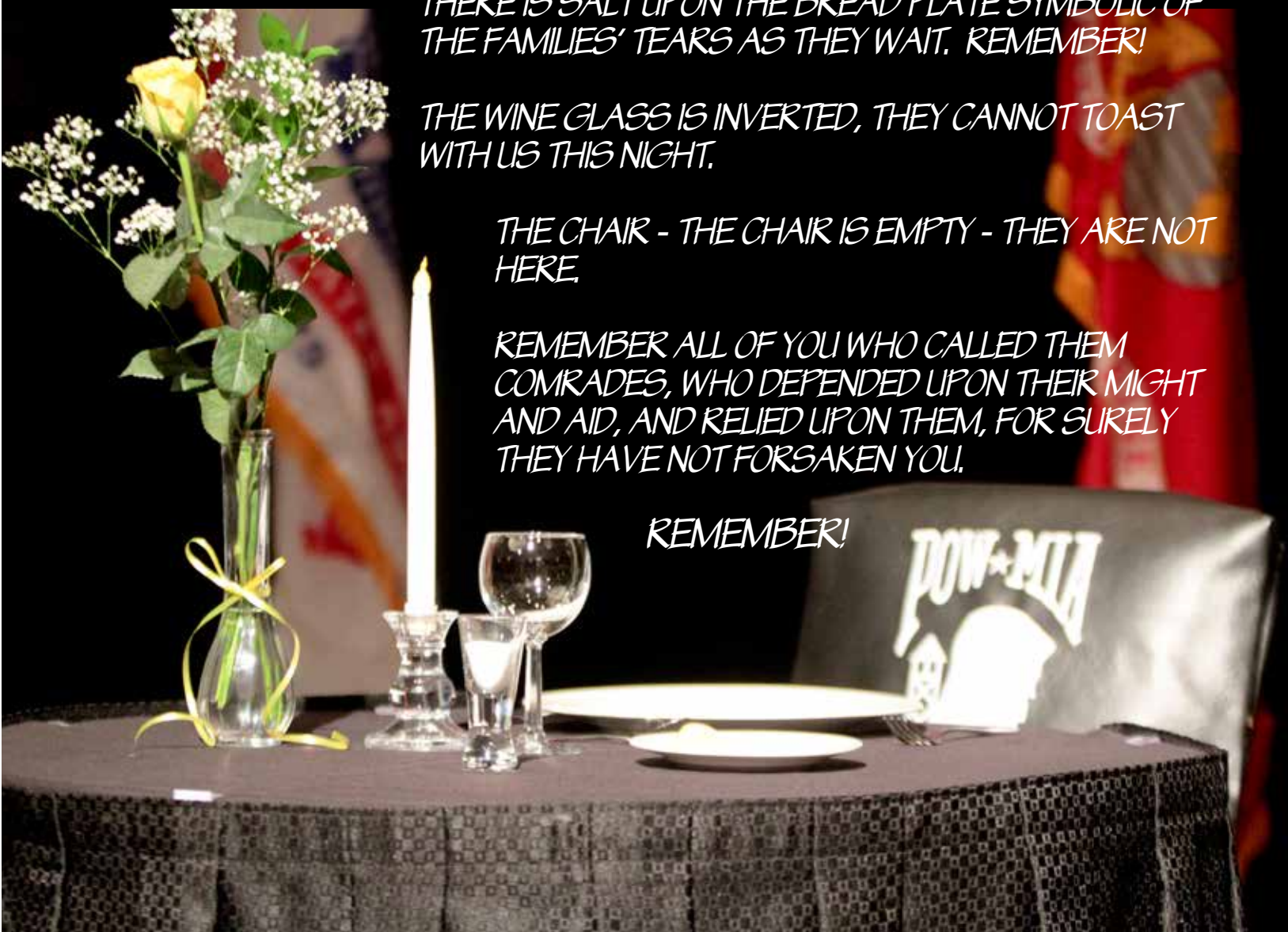
THERE IS SALT UPON THE BREAD PLATE SYMBOLIC OF THE FAMILIES' TEARS AS THEY WAIT. REMEMBER!

THE WINE GLASS IS INVERTED, THEY CANNOT TOAST WITH US THIS NIGHT.

THE CHAIR - THE CHAIR IS EMPTY - THEY ARE NOT HERE.

REMEMBER ALL OF YOU WHO CALLED THEM COMRADES, WHO DEPENDED UPON THEIR MIGHT AND AID, AND RELIED UPON THEM, FOR SURELY THEY HAVE NOT FORSAKEN YOU.

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