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ELIGIBILITY: A high school graduate, or a high school student anticipating graduation during the year of application, unmarried, and under the age of 21 years at the time of application. Must be a son, daughter, or grandchild, natural or adopted, of an individual who served in a Special Operations unit, and is a SOA member in "good standing". Applications are also accepted from wives and widows of Special Operators who are members of the Special Operations Association or were KIA or MIA while serving with a Special Operations unit in combat.

APPLICATIONS: Application packets are available from 15 September of the previous year to 15 February 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. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Christopher McClure at cmclure@tech-architect.com.

More information on the Special Operations Association can be found at <http://www.specialoperations.org>



Fellow SOA members

On behalf of the Special Operations Association I would like to welcome all members and guests to SOAR XLIII and the Beautiful Orleans Hotel. Our Board and volunteers have put together a great event and are excited to see you all October 21 thru 25 October.

Our cover this year honors longtime members and SOA legends Lt. Colonel Sully de Fontaine and MG Eldon A. Bargewell who passed from our ranks this year. Great Patriots MG Bargewell and Lt. Colonel de Fontaine lived lives of service to their country and fellow man. Both joined SOA in its early years and continued as active members until their passing. Please read the articles on their lives and many accomplishments in this PRP edition. Our banquet this year is dedicated in their honor.

Tickets are now available on line to the world famous Cirque du Soleil's Ka acrobatic show on the SOA website. Bus transportation will be available to and from the MGM Grand Hotel the night of the event. Great time for all.

We have a great article inside on the recent ride of our SOA Riders along the Ohio River in Rural Kentucky and Indiana. As always a fitting tribute was held in honor of our Missing in action MACVSOG and support element soldiers who have not returned home yet.

The joint SOA POW/MIA Committee will be providing an excellent update on current MIA status with DPAA personnel provide a full report and answer ing questions from our members. Do not miss the aviation symposium. This year's topic will be air operations out of NKP Thailand. Our own Doc and Vicki Padgett will be presenting a program on health and wellness to keep us all fit for the next SOAR.

Be sure to vote for the excellent candidates running for office this year. A ballot and return envelope is included with your PRP so please take the time to support them by returning your ballot.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rick Estes*

Seeking Bright Light Candidates

June 2019

Fellow SOA Members,

Do you know any SOA members who will not be able to attend SOAR XLII this year due to personal financial problems? If you know an SOA member faced with that dilemma please call or e-mail Operation Brightlight committee members who are listed below.

Operation Brightlight was founded in 2005 to help SOA members attend SOAR and is funded through member contributions. The levels of assistance can range from helping to pay for a hotel room, SOAR registration, airfare or travel costs, a stipend for taxi and general costs, or all of the above combined, depending on the SOA member's individual situation at the time of the review by the Operation Brightlight Committee members.

Operation Brightlight committee members screen any applicant's request for assistance before any final decisions are made regarding that individual candidate. The names of all Brightlight candidates remain confidential and are not shared with the general membership, only committee members and key personnel on the SOA Board of Directors or SOA Special Staff.

Since 2005, 40 SOA members and three family members have been assisted at some level of monetary consideration by this program thanks again to the generosity of the SOA membership in general and the SOA Riders and SOA member Joseph M. Conlon specifically.

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"We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would do us harm." George Orwell

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Special Operations Association SOAR XLIII Master Events List (MEL)

AS OF 6 June 2019 (Subject to Change)

Saturday, 19 October:

TBD : Movement of SOA Items from Storage to Orleans Hotel, Clyde Sincere

Sunday, 20 October:

0800-1200: Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room), President Estes

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings

0800-1200: Vendor Setup (Vender Area, Mardi Gras Ballroom), Clyde Sincere

Monday, 21 October:

0800-1200: Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room), President Estes|

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings

0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis

0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

TBD: : Planning and Budget Committee Meeting (Board Room), Treasurer
Devon

Tuesday, 22 October:

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings

0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis

0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

1400-1500: Special Operations Medical Threats (Suite TBD), Doc Padgett

1900-2130: Evening Entertainment - KÀ at MGM Grand, John Russell

Wednesday, 23 October:

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings

0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis

0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

Special Operations Association SOAR XLIII Master Events List (MEL)

Wednesday, 23 October: (Cont)

0900-1000: SOG Aviation Symposium - Air Operations out of NKP, Thailand (Esplanade Room), Mike Taylor

1000-1200: POW/MIA Symposium (Esplanade Room) Chairman Taylor

1200-1300: Lunch (Mardi Gras Ballroom)

1330-1530: SOA General Membership Meeting (Esplanade Room), President Estes

1530-1630: Door Prizes and Silent Auction (Esplanade Room), Clyde Sincere

1600-1700: Dickel Select Tennessee Whiskey Tasting (Suite TBD), Bill Werther

Thursday, 24 October:

0800-0930: CCS Breakfast

0800-1200: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings

0900-1200: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis

0930-1200: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

NLT 1200: All Vendors must be out of Mardi Gras Ballroom

1300-1400: Rehearsals (Mardi Gras Ballroom) President Estes

1530-1720: Cocktails (Esplanade Room)

1730-2030: SOAR Banquet

2030-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

2100-2300: DJ/Dancing (Esplanade Room), President Estes

Friday, 25 October:

0800-1200: Movement of SOA property to Storage Facility, Volunteers

0800-1000: Selective SOA Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room), President Estes

0930-1200: Hospitality Room (Salon H), open bar

1200: Hotel Check-out

SOAR XLIII Entertainment Trip/Event



KA — AT THE MGM GRAND

An acrobatics and aquatic spectacular hosted at the MGM Grand Hotel and Resort.

The date of the show is Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Cost for the show is \$115.00 per person, which includes the show and bus transportation to and from The Orleans Hotel. The cut off date for registration is September 1, 2019. Boarding time for loading air-conditioned buses to the MGM Grand Hotel is 1730. Seating is at 1830 and showtime is 1900-2030. Following the show, the buses will transport members back to the Orleans Hotel and arrive NLT 2100.

There is no plan for a group dinner prior to the departure for the show. Guests are requested to make their own dining arrangements prior to the 1730 bus boarding time.

KA — AT THE MGM GRAND. You can see it ... you can experience it ... and you still won't believe it! KA, the unprecedented, gravity-defying production by Cirque du Soleil takes adventure to an all-new level. Be awed by a dynamic theatrical landscape, as an entire empire appears on the KA colossal stage and a captivating display of aerial acrobatics envelops the audience. Witness the extraordinary performance that TIME Magazine calls "Bigger than Vegas." You will be totally thrilled by the KA acrobatics world of a 360° rotating stage. This is a show experience like no other provided by the SOA Entertainment Staff. The exceptional and very powerful new soundtrack, lighting and effects will captivate you in every moment.

More information and pictures can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uNMJWVbKNpc&feature=youtu.be>

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SOA Video History Project and Archive Update

As I write this update, it is Memorial Day and the people in my neighborhood are outside preparing to barbeque and enjoy the day. For others it is a day of reflection and remembrances. Today I am sitting at my desk working on this piece for the PRP and thinking of those who have been lost, both during war and after. The SOA has recently experienced the loss of two more members. I'm speaking of Sully De Fontaine and Eldon Bargewell. Both were men with long military careers that together spanned many decades and armed conflicts. I was fortunate to get to know Sully through our chats during SOAR, but I only had a few short conversations with Eldon. The thing most on my mind today is that the SOA Video History Project was able to record a very good interview with Sully about his time with the British Special Operations Executive (SOE) and American Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War Two. Unfortunately, we were not able to record an interview with Eldon and now it is too late. The best we can hope for now is to record the remembrances of others who knew him. It is with this in mind that the Video History Project is considering a new program that will record appropriate remembrances of those who have already passed. I believe it is the bestway we have to keep the memories of those who have passed with us for the future. Not just for us, but for those who never got the opportunity to meet or serve with these men. If you would like to take part in a program like this, or have input on this, please contact me. My contact information is listed below.

I would also like to ask that anyone who will be donating items to the SOA Archives either send the items to me as early as possible, so that I can arrange to have them shipped to Las Vegas, or drop them off at the VHP/Archive table during SOAR as early in the week as possible. Also, please let us know who the donation is from. I have received several items over the last few years that were just left on the table with no idea as to who left them. We are still in need of items to display at SOAR for everyone to enjoy, so please go through all the stuff that has been sitting in your footlockers and duffle bags for things that we can add to the archive display

Once again,I would like to remind everyone that we rely heavily on donations to make the Video History Project successful. Preserving the experiences of our members is incredibly important and so is funding for this project. Even if you cannot donate yourself, perhaps you know someone whowould like to help support this worthy cause? Just recently the Video History Project received a very generous donation from Marty Bordson of Badger Ordnance. Marty knows the value of the history we are preserving and his donation is greatly appreciated. Marty's donation is the first we have received from a corporation and we encourage others to follow his lead. And if you haven't yet sat for an interview, please consider doing so at the upcoming SOAR.

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POW/MIA Update



Latest News: As happens all too often lately, it is likely that Congress and the Administration will fail to agree on an FY2020 budget in time to avoid the federal government entering the year operating under a Continuing Resolution. The result is that the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency budget will probably initially consist of \$130M assured and the remaining required \$19M being at risk.

Americans Recently Accounted For: On 1/15/19, DPAA posted an accounting for Roy F. Townley and Edward J. Weissenback, Air America, listed as missing on 12/27/71, in Laos. The DPAA release accounting for George L Ritter, Air America from the same incident, indicated his recovery on 12/13/17, and ID on 9/25/18. Both Townley and Weissenback were recovered late last fall and their families were notified just before Christmas, 2018. Before that, no changes in the Vietnam War statistics had been posted since October 17th when DPAA posted the names of two Vietnam War personnel now accounted for, Ritter, noted above, and LT Richard C. Lannom, USNR, TN, listed MIA on 3/1/68, NVN, recovered 12/13/17 and ID'd on 9/25/18. On 2/25/19, Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced that Navy Reserve Journalist 3rd Class Raul A. Guerra, USN, listed as missing on 10/8/67, was accounted for. His remains were recovered on 8/15/05 and identified on 2/20/19. The number still missing (POW/MIA) and otherwise unaccounted-for (KIA/BNR) from the Vietnam War is now 1,589.

History: At the end of the Vietnam War, there were reportedly 2,583 unaccounted-for American prisoners, missing in action or killed in action/body not recovered. As of February 25, 2019, the Department of Defense lists 1,589 Americans as still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% of them in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos where the Vietnamese operated during the war: Vietnam-1,247; Laos-288; Cambodia-48; and, Peoples Republic of China territorial waters-7. SOA and SFA join the National League of POW/MIA Families and other Veterans Service Organizations in seeking the fullest possible accounting for those still missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains. Highest priority is accounting for Americans last known alive.

Vietnam established comprehensive wartime and post-war processes to collect and retain information and remains; thus, unilateral efforts by them offered significant potential. Vietnam has since taken many unilateral actions that are welcome and appreciated, plus they have announced that there are no obstacles to full cooperation. Recently, Vietnam has increased implementation of commitments to provide long-sought archival records with relevant, case-related information, thanks in part to improvement of working-level efforts, but primarily due to increased bilateral relations across the board. The January 2018 SOA/SFA and League Delegations brought commitments that offered real promise for increased success. First undertaken only in northern Vietnam in 1985, joint field operations have dramatically changed and are now much more effective. Vietnamese officials are participating with greater seriousness and professionalism, achieving increased results, including both US-led Joint Excavation Teams and Vietnamese Recovery Teams, led by Vietnamese and supported by a few US personnel. This formula allows a greater number of teams to “increase the pace and scope of field operations” as requested by Vietnam since 2009, unless US budget sequestrations and reductions interfere. Due to increased military-to-military cooperation, US Navy assets are now allowed to participate in underwater survey and recovery operations.

After a rough period, joint field operations in **Laos** are now increasingly productive, even though more difficult than elsewhere. Accounting efforts had slowed due to Lao Government inflexibility, attempting to over-price payment for helicopter support and denying permission for ground transport to accessible

incident sites. Recently, Laos is showing much greater flexibility, having again authorized an increased number of US personnel in-country simultaneously, allowing ground transportation to accessible sites, and reaching agreement for contracting a private company to provide reliable, smaller-scale helicopter support to access remote sites. When helpful, Vietnamese witnesses are also allowed to participate in joint US-Lao operations. Lao officials are now approving field investigations outside the confines of scheduled DPAA field operations. A border dispute with Cambodia that was ongoing when the our delegations visited in early 2018 continues to impede recovery operations in the Lao-Cambodian disputed border area. We have urged officials in Laos and Cambodia to at least temporarily set aside their political disagreement and work trilaterally with the US to proceed on this humanitarian recovery, hoping to end the uncertainty of the families.

Two Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Stony Beach personnel (skilled investigators and debriefers) rotated on temporary duty in and out of Vietnam for years, collecting information via archival research and interviews of potential witnesses. DIA has now decided to permanently station one Stony Beach Vietnam specialist in Hawaii and one in Hanoi, to which Vietnam has partially agreed. Successive US Ambassadors have strongly supported this important move. And increases in bilateral military relations clearly contributed to overcoming past reluctance. One Stony Beach Lao specialist is assigned full time in Vientianne. One DIA Stony Beach Cambodia specialist works full time at the US Embassy in Phnom Penh, and research and field operations in ***Cambodia*** have received excellent support. It is hoped that ever-expanding bilateral relationships with Laos and Vietnam will mean positive decisions and greater flexibility to expand. Stony Beach specialists are sorely needed to augment the investigation process while witnesses are still living and able to facilitate locating incident sites for follow-up.

A breakdown by year of recovery for the 994 Americans accounted for from the Vietnam War to date:

1965-1974 War years:	2
1974-1975 Winding down USG effort	28
1976-1978 US/SRV normalization negotiations	47
1979-1980 US/SRV talks break down	1
1981-1985 1st Reagan Administration	23
1985-1989 2nd Reagan Administration	168
1989-1993 George H.W. Bush Administration	129
1993-1997 1st Clinton Administration	327
1997-2001 2nd Clinton Administration	57
2001-2004 1st George W. Bush Administration	64
2004-2008 2nd George W. Bush Administration	62
2008-2012 1st Obama Administration	51
2012-2016 2nd Obama Administration	27
2016-present Trump Administration	8

**Special Operations Association
Scholarship Committee**

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM**

FACTS: 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 that can ultimately lead to a Bachelor's Degree. Each Grant is for a one year award of \$1,500 per semester not to exceed \$3,000 for the year (Applicants may reapply for subsequent years for a total of four (4) years). For institutions which are on the Quarter system, an adjustment is made such that the award does not exceed \$3,000 per year. From time to time donors will designate additional funds for other scholarship awards to our pool of applicants, and these may or may not be administered by the SOA.

BASIC GRANT CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY: An applicant must be a high school graduate or a high school student anticipating graduation during the year of application, under the age of 21 years at the time of application and is a child or grandchild, natural or legally adopted, of an individual who served in a Special Operations unit and is a member in good standing of the SOA. Such SOA member must remain a member in good standing for the duration of the scholarship awarded. A child or a grandchild of an individual who was KIA or MIA while serving in a Special Operations unit 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, and have not yet received a Bachelor's Degree. Eligibility is reduced by one year for each year already attended at an institution of higher learning.

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

AWARDS: On approximately 15 July of that year, selectees/recipients of a Special Operations Association Scholarship Grant will be appropriately notified by mail.

INFORMATIONAL: As of June 2019, 164 young men and women have been awarded scholarships since the program began in 1983.

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*"You have never lived until you have almost died. For those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know."
Anonymous*

SOA Riders Thunder on the Road

On June 5, members of the Special Operations Association Riders began arriving in Lawrenceburg, Indiana for their 10th annual ride. This year, Tom Carrell and his wife hosted for the three-day event through the rolling hills and valleys of Southeast Indiana. Though the number of Riders was down from previous years (more on that later) those in attendance were treated to some interesting sights and beautiful scenery. It is also worth noting that we had several guests with us this year. Some have ridden with us before but one young lady stands out. Stacy Buscetto, daughter of the late Pete Buscetto, iron assed it from central Florida, riding alone more than 900 miles each way, stopping only for fuel to ride with us. She was a welcome addition.

The first day we ventured into Kentucky for a ride along the Ohio River, stopping at the old country store in Rabbit Hash, Kentucky. Everyone enjoyed their taste of Sarsaparilla and other unique libations for the road. After a short ride they stopped at Big Bone Lick State Park for a look at prehistoric artifacts left by the early Native American tribes. The Lick also served as a gathering place for giant sloths, mastodons, and other prehistoric animals that came there to get the salt and minerals needed for survival. Continuing along the river we stopped in historic Madison, Indiana for lunch. Following lunch, we wound our way back through some wonderful scenery on backroads that crossed or followed many of the watersheds that feed the mighty Ohio and riding through little towns like Friendship, Farmer's Retreat, and Dillsboro. After bouncing around to a couple of restaurants for supper, we settled in back at the hotel for an evening of friendship, comradery, and reflection. For most it was an early evening as Father Time is starting to take a toll on the young men we once were.

Friday morning dawned cloudy but warm with all eyes were fixed on weather radars as storms and rain laid to our south. After being joined by several riders from a local group, we took a leisurely ride through the Laughery Creek valley, guided by one of our guest riders who called it his "ride for the bride", following the route he had ridden on his wedding day years before. We stopped in the town of Versailles, Indiana for lunch





before continuing our trip on the back roads. Arriving back at the hotel, Riders cleaned their bikes and got ready to be the guest of my local community, which hosted a cook out in our honor. Again, both our Riders and the Hidden Valley Riders gathered to show off their chrome stallions and enjoy the company of the community. As a side note, the community will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the SOA Foundation. After dinner we all returned to our TOC for our raffles and business meetings. Robert Tate was the recipient of this year's Quilt of Valor, quilted and presented by Mary Carrell. Through the raffle, the Riders raised \$400 to be donated to the SOA Foundation.



Saturday morning, we rode back into Hidden Valley Lake to use their Veteran's Monument for our remembrance of those from MACVSOG and support elements that remain missing in action. This year Doyle Creed and Robert Tate laid the wreath at the base of the monument and American flag. As in the past, Riders and guest then placed a single carnation by the wreath as a name was read. Taps and a toast to their memory ended this year's ride. It is fitting that Marcus Witt be recognized for the excellent job of acting as this year's MC.



Planning for 2020 is under way with "Red" Surgenor agreeing to host it in northwest Wisconsin. The dates haven't been set so keep your eyes open for emails, Facebook and website announcements. Marcus Witt has agreed to hold the 2021 ride in eastern Tennessee.

Reflections

This year several pointed questions were ask as to why more people don't participate and better yet what can we do to improve it? The first part is fairly simple, as riders we are getting older and our bodies are stating to pay for the sins of our youth. Medical issues



have hit several over the years and that number increases every year. Then the question was asked, "Why do we get together?" Is it the thrill of being on a motorcycle? That might be a small part of it but it's bigger than that. You can get your thrills on a motorcycle anywhere. We gather to be in each other's company in an informal and unstructured setting. We gather because we are Brothers forged in combat. We gather to remember and honor those who were lost and those that still aren't home. Does one need a motorcycle to do that? No. If you are a Rider and are off your Ironhorse, we still want you to attend. In fact, those in attendance want to extend an open invitation to the General Membership to join us. Most of the members only see each other once a year at SOAR and this presents, yet another opportunity to keep the company of such great men as these. Most of us are now in the twilight of our years and it is imperative we take time to enjoy the time we have left.

If there are any out there that ride but have not joined the Riders you can get your application from Tom Carrell at paintwizard2@comcast.net. If your not a rider but would like to join us on any of our adventures keep your eyes peeled on the Facebook page, website, and email blasts sent out by the Board of Directors. You're more than welcome to be a part of our annual gathering and memorial. We only go around once and I for one want to make it the best trip I can.



MG John K. Singlaub Jedburgh Award



Master Sergeant Clyde Franklin Whitmore II was selected as the recipient of the 2019 MG John K. Singlaub/Jedburgh Award. USASOC Commanding General LTG Beaudette and USASOC Command Sergeant Major Eckard, together with SOG legend SGM (Ret) Billy Waugh (SOA #005), made the presentation during the 2019 Red and Black Ball at Fort Bragg on the evening of 9 March.

The Special Operations Association created the John K. Singlaub/Jedburgh Award in recognition of, and to honor, retired U.S.

Army Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub's courageous actions on and off the battlefield, as well as his immeasurable contributions to the United States of America, and U.S. Army Special Operations Forces specifically.

The narrative submitted recommending MSG Whitmore for the Singlaub/Jedburgh Award paints a picture of a Special Forces warrior worthy of the award. It reads in part - Over a 16-year career, MSG Whitmore has demonstrated the bravery, tenacity, thoughtful decision making, and integrity that are the hallmarks of the Special Forces Regiment and the Special Forces NCO corps.

MSG Whitmore has deployed eleven times in support of contingency operations in the CENTCOM AOR, conducting tasks ranging from counterterrorism to building partner force capacity.

MSG Whitmore spent the last two years as the Operations Sergeant on SFOD-A 5324. He led his team through three, six-month, combat deployments in support of the Defeat-ISIS campaign. Senior leaders from across the Regiment, CJTFOIR, and USCENTCOM, have sought his council for the ground truths that he consistently provides.



In 2018, MSG Whitmore's SFOD-A came under intense attack during a four-day ISIS assault against Coalition and partner force positions. MSG Whitmore demonstrated his bravery, repeatedly engaging the enemy, coordinating counterattacks, and orchestrating the defense of Coalition positions. His actions helped to minimize Coalition casualties and directly led to saving the lives of members of the Coalition.

MSG Whitmore's focus on NCO development, building warfighting capability, and sound council are without equal. Despite the grueling OPTEMPO of the past two years, he pushed his team to cross-train, develop new combat skills, and become adaptive, innovative thinkers. His tireless actions resulted in a Detachment ready for the perils of combat.

He fully embodies the ARSOF promise to "Protect the Nation, Without Fear, Without Fail, and Without Equal".



Standing Rules of Order

Special Operations Association Reunion XLIII Annual General Member Meeting Standing Rules of Order

Preamble:

The Board of Directors has created the following Standing Rules of Order in accordance with the directions and guidelines established in Chapter XIX of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised (RRNR).

The purpose of these Standing Rules of Order are to assure members' rights are fully protected, simplify what otherwise are sometimes confusing and contradictory Parliamentary Procedure options, establish order, and to capture the exact wording of proposed Topics of Discussion (TODs), Resolutions and Motions for the record.

These Standing Rules require approval by the General Members before they will be implemented and adhered to for this GMM. These Standing Rules of Order are temporary and apply to this one single GMM only. Their authority ceases on the adjournment of the GMM.

We ask every General Member to read these proposed Standing Rules and to approve them with his vote.

Admission into the General Member Meeting room requires all members to wear or prominently display the Badge/Name tag issued by the Secretary/Registration Committee. General Members will be seated in the area designated by the Sergeants-at-Arms for "voting" members.

The Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies, shall report the number of General Members registered at this year's SOAR and/or exclusively for the GMM and the number of those currently present in the meeting room. The number present at the beginning of the business meeting shall be the number used to determine if the SOA's quorum requirements have been met per Article VII Section C of the Bylaws. If the quorum requirement is met, the number of members reported present shall be the base number for determining a majority for all votes conducted during this GMM.

All voting will be by physical count of hands or ballots. When voting, members are requested to raise their RIGHT hand over their heads in order that the Sergeants-at-Arms can facilitate a proper count.

General Members who desire to present a Topic of Discussion (TOD), Resolution, or Motion from the floor that was not previously submitted to the Secretary per SOA Bylaws Article VII Section E must first submit a legibly written or typed copy to the Secretary prior to the opening the GMM but no later than the opening of New Business. If the request is in compliance with the Bylaws it will be added to the agenda under New Business in the order it was received by the Secretary.

At the appropriate time on the Agenda, the Secretary will request the Member who desires to open a TOD, make a Resolution, or Motion to rise and request their TOD, Resolution, or Motion to be read by the Secretary. In lieu of the President stating the question, the Secretary will read the TOD, Resolution, or Motion as presented and entered into the record at which time the Chair

Standing Rules of Order (cont)

will call for a Second. If a Second is made, the Chair will then acknowledge the originating member who may then speak as in Rules 5 & 6, and, if appropriate, a vote will follow.

Two (2) microphones are available to members during debate. Any person wishing to speak during debate must do so from one of the microphones or he will not be recognized by the Chair. As designated, one microphone will be for those members who wish to speak in support of the question and the other for those opposed. When recognized, the member is requested to state his name and membership number prior to speaking.

Members are limited to two (2) three (3) minute periods of debate per question and a member will not be permitted to speak a second time until all other members who wish to speak to the question have spoken once. Total time for Debate will be limited to 12 minutes per question.

General Members may make a motion to set aside Rule 5 and substitute new requirements which will become the temporary Rule for that specific TOD, Resolution, or Motion if passed by a 2/3rds majority (as is detailed in RRNR, page 253) of the quorum requirement as defined in Rule 2.

The Chair will rule out of order TOD(s), Resolution(s), or Motion(s) and not approve for discussion, debate, and/or vote those subjects that violate the SOA Bylaws and those where the SOA Attorney and/or Attorneys for Association's Insurance Carrier have directed they not to be discussed beyond what has been previously posted by the BOD.

General Members may make a motion to set aside Rule 7 and if seconded and passed with a 2/3rds majority (ref. RRNR, page 253) of the quorum as defined in Rule 1. Prior to the vote, the Chair will provide the reason for his ruling, and if appropriate, either read or pass out copies of the board's posting(s). If the topic is one which the SOA's Lawyer and/or Insurance Company's Lawyer(s) has stated should not be discussed the Chair and the BOD will not answer questions or become involved in the debate. They will, however, participate in the vote if there is one.

General Members may appeal the President's rulings as stipulated in Section 24, pages 247-252 of RRNR. As stated on page 252, a majority or tie vote sustains the decision of the President. The President is authorized to vote in order to create a majority or tie decision.

The Chair will rule on all Parliamentary Questions in accordance with the authority granted in RRNR (pages 432 - 435 and elsewhere). At his discretion, as defined on page 243, the President may temporarily suspend the meeting, stand at ease, to obtain confidential advice from the Parliamentarian or other accepted parliamentary authority prior to making his ruling. Special attention is to be placed on "Decorum" specified on pages 379 - 3 defined 84. A professional Registered Parliamentarian, (Mrs. Solveiga Unger) has been retained by the SOA Board to assist the President in the interpretation and application of parliamentary procedure.

All members and guests are required to turn off cell phones and pagers during the conduct of the General Member Meeting. Cell phones may be used to record the meeting if the ring and buzzer notifications are turned off. The use of recording devices is authorized.

General Membership Meeting Agenda

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA
23 October 2019
The Orleans Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada**

Call to Order President Estes

Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs and POWs Chaplain Padgett

Roll Call Secretary Jensen

SOA Board of Officers/Directors (President Estes, VP Taylor, Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Devon, Director Binford, Director Padgett, Director McClure, Director Leites, and Director Rivero).

SOA Special Staff Members Present.

Introduction of Guests President Estes

Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present, and if a quorum has been satisfied

General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda.

Business Meeting:

Regular Business:

1. Approval of SOAR XLII General Membership (Meeting Minutes as contained in the SOAR XLIII PRP).
2. Financial Report and Budget Treasurer Devon
3. SOA Scholarship Committee Report. Chairman McClure
4. SOA Brightlight Committee Report. Chairman Padgett
5. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report Chairman Cummings
6. SOA Warriors Family Committee Report. Chairman Werther
7. SOA Chaplain's Report. Chaplain Padgett
8. SOA Riders Committee Report. Chairman Carrell

General Membership Meeting Agenda (cont)

9. SOA QM Sales Report	Chairman Strange
10. SOA Membership Committee Report	Chairman Frovarp
11. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report	Chairman Keele
By Laws Committee.	Chairman Cunningham
Nomination Committee Report.	Chairman Day
Special Operations Association Foundation Report.	Director Godshall
MG Singlaub Award Report.	Secretary Jensen
Farewell to SOA Board Members	President Estes
Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors	President Estes
Secretary:	
Director:	
Director:	
Non valor Awards Presentations	President Estes
Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members	President Estes-Member chair
Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members:	President Estes-Member chair
Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members:	President Estes-Member chair
New Business:	
For the Good of the Order	President Estes
Meeting Adjournment:	

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

DUFFY JENSEN

Secretary, Special Operations Association

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

17 October 2018

**The Orleans Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada**

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- I. Call to Order: 1332 PDT President Estes
- II. Recognition: Sergeants-at-Arms (Spider Parks, Bill Barkley).
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Director McClure
- IV. Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs and POWs Chaplain Padgett
- V. Roll Call Secretary Vines
- A. SOA Board of Officers/Directors (President Estes, VP Taylor, Secretary Vines, Director Godshall, Director Binford, Director Padgett, Director McClure, and Director Day). All Present
- B. SOA Special Staff Members Present: Clyde Sincere.
- VI. Introduction of Guests: President Estes
- VII. Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present, and if a quorum has been satisfied
- A. Sergeants-at-Arms report 110 general members present – Quorum is present
- VIII. General Member’s Approval of GMM Agenda (Meeting Agenda as contained in the SOAR XLII PRP).
Motion to approve by Director Godshall, second by Director McClure, motion carried by voice vote.
- IX. Business Meeting:
- A. Regular Business:
1. Approval of SOAR XLI General Membership Meeting Minutes (contained in the SOAR XLII PRP).
Motion by Director Godshall, second Director Padgett, motion carried by voice vote.
 2. Financial Report and Budget – President Estes reviewed a Power Point presentation of the current Balance Sheet and P&L Statement. He further stated that the 2018 budget, adjusted for a budgetary increase to replace aging Registration hardware, would serve as the baseline budget for 2019.
 3. SOA Scholarship Committee Report: Chairman McClure reviewed the George C. Morton Scholarship restricted fund balance of \$66,000, current scholarship obligations of \$44,000, and required contingencies of \$9,000 resulting in an unencumbered balance of \$13,000 (numbers approximate). The 12 applications in 2018 outweigh current funding capabilities resulting in only 1 scholarship being awarded.
 4. SOA Bright Light Committee Report: Chairman Godshall reported a preliminary expenditure of \$2,500-\$3,000 assisting three (3) members attending SOAR XLII. The Chairman reminded the general membership that requests for assistance are strictly confidential, and can be recommended on another’s behalf.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

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5. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report: Chairman Cummings
6. SOA Warriors Family Committee Report: Chairman Werther
7. SOA Chaplains Report: Chairman Padgett
8. SOA Riders Committee Report: Chairman Carroll
9. SOA QM Sales Report: Chairman Strange
10. SOA Membership Committee: Chairman Frovarp reported 1,545 members of SOA are current. Most are Life Members.
11. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report: Chairman Keele
12. By-Laws Committee: Chairman Cunningham
13. Nomination Committee Report: Chairman Day
14. Special Operations Association Foundation: Chairman Padgett
15. Reunion Committee Report: Chairman Hetrick reported that 299 hotel rooms had been reserved, 680 members/guests had registered for SOAR XLII.
- Further, the Chairman stated that hotel room rates for SOAR XLIII (2019) and SOAR XLIV (2020) would be \$44/\$94, and \$46/\$96 per weekday/weekend respectively, and the resort fee would remain flat at 12.99 through 2020.
16. MG Singlaub Award Report: Secretary Vines provided a brief profile of First Sgt Jarrid Collins, the third recipient of the MG John K. Singlaub Jedburgh Award.
17. Farewell to SOA Board Members: President Estes bade farewell to retiring board members Secretary Brian Vines, Director Doug Godshall, and Director Jim Day, thanking them for their contributions to SOA.
18. Swearing in of newly elected SOA Officers and Directors: President Estes administered the oath of office to incoming Secretary Richard “Duffy” Jensen, Director Alfonso “RT” Rivero, and Director Bob Leites.
19. Non-valor Awards Presentations: President Estes
20. Recognition, 35 Year SOA Award Pres Estes/MG Bargewell
21. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Award Pres Estes/MG Bargewell
22. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Award Pres Estes/MG Bargewell

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Las Vegas, Nevada**

23. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Award

Pres Estes/MG Bargewell

B. New Business:

X. For Good of the Order: President Estes entertained a proposal from the floor to engage in a conversation to raise awareness of a program to encourage local municipalities to become a Purple Heart City via resolution. The President agreed to further discussions off the record.

XI. Meeting Adjournment: 1513 - President Estes so moved, VP Taylor seconded, and the motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

Richard "Duffy" Jensen
Secretary, Special Operations Association

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL BALLOT

2019

Please indicate your vote by placing a check mark or an X to the left of your candidate then sign the bottom and indicate your SOA number.

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TREASURER: Vote for one (1) only

() Philip Devon

() _____ write in

DIRECTOR: Vote for two (2) only.

() Don Haase

() Christopher McClure

() John "Doc" Padgett

() Richard "Dick" Thompson

() _____ write in

Signature: _____

SOA# _____

"You have never lived until you have almost died. For those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know".

Candidates for Election

Candidate for SOA Treasurer

Phil Devon SOA 3118-GA

I have been the Treasurer of Special Operations Association (SOA) for the past year, being appointed to that position by the Board of Directors following the passing of the previous Treasurer.

Let me introduce myself to those who I have yet to meet. I am a Lifetime member of SOA. My military service included assignments to the 6th and 7th SF Groups, a tour in Vietnam with MACV-SOG in CCS, tour in Korea with the 2nd Infantry Division as well as the time with the JFK CFSW at Fort Bragg. Following my time with military, I finished by education with a Masters Degree in Accounting, spent 6 years with the accounting firm Price Waterhouse & Co. and 28 years with a Fortune 500 Company serving in various senior finance positions. During my retirement, I have served with various volunteer organizations and am an active member and Officer of Chapter 21 of the Special Forces Association.

My wife and I are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year and I am a very, very proud father and grandfather.

I have been honored to have served as your Treasure for the past year. I believe that I can continue to provide quality financial direction to the group as well as fiduciary oversight for the monetary assets of SOA. If elected I will strive to insure financial integrity and stability to the Special Operations Association.



Candidates for Election

Candidate for SOA Director

Don Haase SOA 1683-GL

Serving with the 195th Assault Helicopter Company as an original member forming at Ft. Carson, Colorado and moving with the company to Vietnam in October 1967. In March of 1968 I became a Huey Crew Chief in support of the 5th Special Forces, MACV-SOG special projects Sigma, Omega, Delta, and then CCS.

I have been a life member of SOA since 1999 when Tyler Furbish dug me out of the woodwork and invited me to SOAR at the Plaza hotel. I have been impressed with the association and what it has accomplished over the last 20 years. If elected to the board of directors it would be an honor to serve the membership of the association in any way I can.

I retired after 37 years in The Real Estate and Building industry in 2006. I served as a director, vice president and twice president of the multiple listing services of Eugene and Springfield, Oregon. During my last term as president we transitioned into RMLSweb of the national Association of Realtors, which is in use today. As a Realtor I also served on ethics and arbitration committee and other committees of the Eugene Association of Realtors over my career.



Candidates for Election

Candidate for SOA Director

Christopher E. McClure **SOA 770-GL**

For over ten years I have served as your SOA Scholarship Committee Chairman, which has enabled me to work closely with each of the SOA Boards of Directors during that period to help to administer our successful scholarship program. During the almost three years that I have served on the Board, I have gained valuable experience which will enable me to continue as an effective Director, looking out for the best interests of the SOA and all of its members.



My experience of over 40 years as a small business owner and as a principal in a larger firm has given me skills that are valuable to the SOA. Working with various clients, public and private, and as a participant on various non-profit Boards of Directors has given me clear insight into what I can do to make our great organization even better.

Candidates for Election

Candidate for SOA Director

John “Doc” Padgett SOA 404-GL

John Padgett, a former SF medic, has A-team experience (A221, 227), Mike Force (4th BN, II Cps) 68-69, 46th SF Co. 69-70, and SOA/CC from 70-71.

Education: University of Washington Physician Assistant (PA) Program, 1973, masters from St. Francis University in 1994 and doctorate from St. George University in 2001.

After practice in Washington, he joined the University of Hawaii, training health care providers in the U.S. Trust Territories. After medical service on the Alaska Pipeline in 1975-76, he was recruited by USAID to develop a rural health program for Nicaragua. He practiced in clinical medicine for 25 years. After 25 years of Special Operations USAR duty, he was activated by SOCOM in 2003 for Iraq. Returning from Iraq, he helped open the PA School at Touro University Nevada, serving as clinical coordinator.

Currently retired, his board experience includes the Special Operations Association, Refugee Relief International, Inc., the Veterans Caucus and the Army PA Society. In March, 2005, he was selected as a Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment.



Candidates for Election

Candidate for SOA Director

Richard “Dick” Thompson SOA 268 GL

In 1968 - 1969 I served with Det. B 52 (SOG) Project Delta, and 1971 - 1972 I served with A Co. 101 Assault Helicopter Bn. 101 Airborne Division, one of our missions was to support CCN. After leaving Active Duty in 1975 I returned to Salt Lake City and attended, and graduated from Westminster College with an old friend, Don DeVere. Don majored in history and me in Business Management/Economics. We both minored in Political Science. He convinced me to join the SOA. That was a good move on my part and I thank Don for being older and wiser than I.



I am a Life Member and proud of the organization and would like to spend some of my free time serving the Association on the Board of Directors.

I would like to make it a major goal to recruit, new and younger members to keep this Association a viable and growing, organization.

TAPS

The following are our brothers who have passed since the last TAPS reported in the 2017 AAR, and those who departed earlier, but were not previously identified.

The SOA has attempted to list our fallen as accurately as possible. Should any member have information of a deceased brother who has not been identified here, please contact a BOD member and the information will be published in our next report. Obituary information and comments, where available, will be on the SOA web site.

May they rest in eternal peace:

<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Member Number</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Hermann Adler	2273-G	11/14/2017
Eldon A. Bargewell	1474-G	4/29/2019
Dale R. Bennett	910-G	3/29/2017
James "Bucky" Brawner	2908-G	2/27/2019
Peter J. Buscetto	1813-G	01/24/2019
William E. Butterworth II	879-H	2/12/2019
James Conacher	1444-G	1/26/2019
John R. Couch	1631-G	11/11/2016
Harvey E. Cox	741-G	2/11/2015
Sully De Fontaine	177-G	4/22/2019
John C. Delavan	485-G	1/3/2019
Emmett L. Dover	2857-G	4/6/2019
Paul M. Duffy	918-G	2018
Lee C. Dunlap	559-G	3/1/2019
Alejandro Flores	2154-G	3/18/2019
Robert Gerken	2400-A	3/20/2019
Albert J. Grazioli	2225-G	4/8/2019
John McClay Heidger	2491-G	2/13/2018
David Jordan	305-G	10/18/2013
James R. Kreutz	168-G	4/26/2009
Michael Kruse	2418-G	2/16/2019
Eugene McCarley	256-G	1/3/2019
Bernie L. Mims	2576-G	3/29/2019
Na Nguyen	2169-OA	6/13/2017
Joseph Pagan	3313-G	11/29/2018
Vincent Principe	3072-G	4/13/2017
Benjamin V. Ricciardi	267-G	11/5/2014
Robert D. Schrag	269-G	4//2/2019
Hartmut Schuler	1412-G	1/24/2019
Roy C. Seago	3190-G	3/13/2019
Donald G. Shipman	3040-G	5/5/2018
Wendell E. Skinner	3096-G	12/21/2017

And, though the warrior's sun has set, its light shall linger round us yet – bright, radiant, blest. Jorge Manrique

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SOA 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 Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, 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 Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, 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 Brightlight Program Fund.
 3. The SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.
 4. The SOA Warrior’s Family Fund.
 5. The SOA General Fund.

II. 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 Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, 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 Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, for the specific purpose (one of the following specific projects):
1. The SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
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 3. The SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.
 4. The SOA Warrior's Family Fund.
 5. The SOA General Fund.
- 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.

III. 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 the death of the last income beneficiary. 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 net income 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.

Note - 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.



**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, fill in this form and return it via mail C/O Linda Leavitt, P.O.Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, or email to the Treasurer at soatreasurer@specialoperations.org, or drop it off at the Registration Desk during SOAR.

___ Monthly Contributions to be made by:

___ Payment by Check (Personal or Corporate): Checks Mailed to SOA Treasurer: P.O. Box 335461 N. Las Vegas, Nv 89033

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: _____

___ Special Operations Association Foundation: _____

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: _____

SOAR XLIII

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION REUNION

The serial number on this 5.56 cal. weapon is #00001 of a limited addition of 100 weapons. It is a model SOG-15 with fluted barrel, bi-pod, diamond flip up sights, adjustable stock. Comes with four (4) 30 rd. mags, and rail system for additional equipment

This weapon is donated courtesy of SOA member Fred Camacho. Many thanks to Fred for his support of the Special Operations Association.



YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN



The Winner, if not present at SOAR XLIII will be notified NLT: 01 November 2019, Via Phone

If you desire to participate in this worthwhile program, raffle tickets are \$5.00 each or you have the opportunity to purchase the ten-ticket pack for \$45. Depending on the number of tickets you elect to purchase, you are requested to return the "STUB" portion of the raffle ticket(s) along with your check or money order made payable to the SOA in the enclosed Self Addressed Envelope.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE ADDITIONAL TICKETS, CONTACT:

Clyde Sincere, Jr.

President Emeritus, SOA

(435) 680-4476 or cjrsincere@gmail.com

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Pre-Reunion Information

- What:** SOARXLIII
- When:** 21-25 October 2019
- Who:** SOA Members in good standing and their guests are eligible to register.
If you have questions about your status, contact:
Ray Frovarp, Membership Chair, 910-425-1425, or
email, membership@specialoperations.org
- Where:** The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 West Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-5420
Phone: 800 675-3267
<http://www.orleanscasino.com/Groups>
- Group Code:** A9SAC10
(Alpha-Nine-Sierra-Alpha-Charlie-One-Zero)
Use this code when making your reservations.
- Accommodations:** Room rates and availability are guaranteed through 16 September 2019 .
Sunday through Thursday daily - \$44 per day plus tax and resort fee.
Friday and Saturday - \$94 per day, plus tax and resort fee.
- Guests:** Guests are always welcome; however, sponsors are expected to be in attendance when their guests arrive .
- Banquet Seating:** Reserve your banquet seat after you check-in.
- End of Reunion:** All SOAR activities will cease at 1200, Friday 25 October 2019.

Special Operations Association

Registration Information

Eligibility SOA members in good standing are eligible to register for the reunion. If you are unsure of your member status, contact the Membership Chair, Ray Frovarp @ 910-425-1425

How to Register: There are two (2) ways to register:
1. PREFERRED - Online on the SOA website; www.specialoperations.org.
2. Complete enclosed forms and mail USPS:

Reunion Fees: Registration Options, choose FULL or DAILY:
Full - if you plan to attend the entire reunion (all days)
Daily - if you plan to attend on specific days

Full Registration - \$190.00 per person:
Includes Hospitality (All days), Luncheon and Banquet.
OR;
Daily Registration - \$70 per person per day
Monday – Hospitality
Tuesday – Hospitality
Wednesday – Hospitality and Luncheon
Thursday – Hospitality and Banquet.

Name Badges: Name badges must be displayed at all times.
Temporary badges will be available at the security desk for late arrivals.

Refunds: All requests for refunds must be approved by the Registrar.

Volunteers: Volunteers are vital to the success of the reunion. Please indicate your willingness to help at the bottom of the registration form.

Questions: If you have questions about registration, contact:
Ivan Davis, SOAR Registrar
541-543-1073; or email, registrar4soar@gmail.com

SOAR XLIII REGISTRATION
 Special Operations Association Reunion
 21-25 October 2019
 The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (800) 675-3267

SOA # First Name Middle Name Last Name

Address City State Zip+4

Home Phone Cell Phone Email

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

FULL - \$190 per person: Attending all days, Monday through Thursday. (includes the Luncheon and Banquet);

or

DAILY - \$70 per person per day

MEMBER AND GUEST(S) BADGE NAMES	FULL REGISTRATION	DAILY REGISTRATION				Total \$
	\$190.00 per person Includes Luncheon and Banquet	\$70 per person per day Wednesday includes the Luncheon Thursday includes the Banquet				
Print first and last names for Name Badges:	Mon – Thurs \$190	Mon \$70	Tues \$70	Wed \$70	Thurs \$70	
Member - First and Last name						
Guest - First and Last name						
Guest - First and Last Name						
Guest - First and Last Name						

1. Total Member + Guests = \$ _____

2. Vendors: # Tables _____ X \$150 each = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Complete the Registration form and mail it along with your check in the enclosed envelope. Make checks payable to

SOA:

Ivan Davis, SOAR Registrar

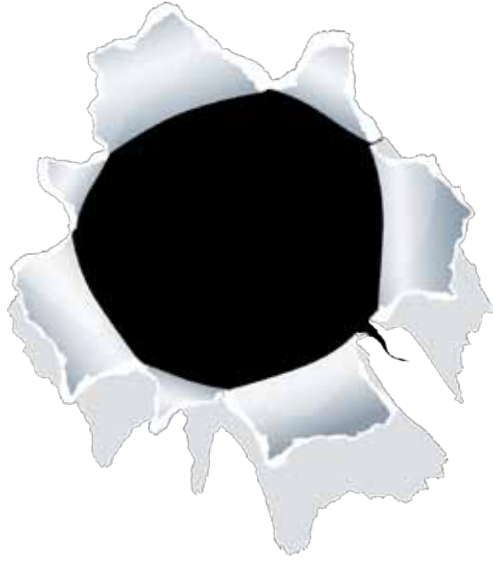
2933 Van Ave.

Eugene Oregon, 97401-6932

If you have questions, contact the Registrar: 541-543-1073 or email, registrar4soar@gmail.com.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the reunion. Indicate your willingness to help as needed: _____ YES; _____ NO

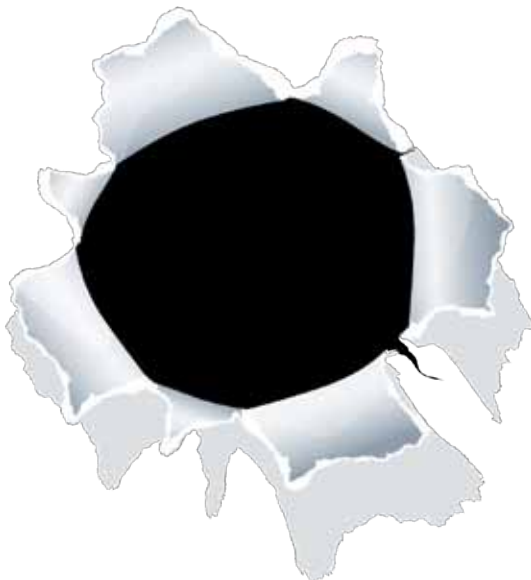
SOA ANNUAL MEMBERS



January 31
(EVERY YEAR)

**RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP
AND NOBODY GETS HURT**

(A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR LOCAL
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE)



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND FEES

Membership cards and renewals can be paid online at, www.specialoperations.org, or mailed to the address below. Make checks payable to SOA.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Order additional or replace lost membership cards.

\$20 Life
\$10 Annual

ANNUAL MEMBERS

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Renewals are due each year on January 1. A \$5 late fee is assessed if payment is received after January 31:

\$30 If paid before January 31
\$35 If paid after January 31

REINSTATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – If you have not renewed your membership in more than 12 months, a reinstatement fee will be assessed. Contact the Membership Chairman to verify Status and amount due.

\$25 Add if more than 12 months in arrears

CHANGE STATUS FROM ANNUAL TO LIFE – Annual members, in good standing, may apply for life status. Contact the Membership Chairman to verify Status and amount due.

\$305 over the age of 70
\$505 under the age of 70

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact:

Ray Frovarp
Membership Chair
PO Box 335461
N. Las Vegas, NV 89033
membership@specialoperations.org
(H) 910 425-1425; (C) 910 850-6023

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

Keeping your contact information up to date ensures that you will receive your AAR/PRP publications and other news of interest to the SOA membership in a timely manner.

Indicate below the changes you would like to make on your record. All information is confidential and will not be shared without the Member's prior consent.

MEMBER PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

SOA# _____ Date of change _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Indicate additions or changes to your emergency contact information:

Relationship to Member (wife, Son, Daughter, Brother, etc.) _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

This form may be completed online at www.specialoperations.org, or mailed to the below address:

Ray Frovarp, Membership Chairman

PO Box 335461

N. Las Vegas NV 89033

(H) 910-425-1425; (C) 910-850-6023

membership@specialoperations.org



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
Application for Membership



Thank you for your interest in applying for membership in the SOA.

Review the criteria in its entirety before submitting your application. Additional information can be found on the SOA website, www.specialoperations.org, or email the Committee at membership@specialoperations.org.

DOCUMENTATION IS REQUIRED - Compiling documentation is solely the responsibility of the applicant. The SOA assumes no responsibility for finding documentation or sponsorship for any applicant, so be sure to provide enough information and documentation for the Membership Committee to understand your qualifications.

MEMBER CLASSES - The SOA Bylaws define two classes of members, **General** and **Associate**. **Operational Associate** is a *distinction* conferred on non-US Armed Forces members that support the General class.

GENERAL

- A Veteran or member of a U.S. Armed Forces Special Operations Unit as defined by this Association
- Has conducted Special Operations as an operational combat element or provided direct support to the operational combat element in an operational role within an assigned Area of Operations.
- Routine or normal duty while on this assignment must have placed the applicant in direct threat/exposure to hostile fire
- Documentation includes, but is not limited to DD214/215, Awards, CIB, citations and Orders.

ASSOCIATE

- A Veteran or member of a U.S. Armed Forces Special Operations Unit as defined by this Association
- Supported the conduct of his unit's Special Operations in a non-operational direct support role.
- Normal duty did not involve direct threat or exposure to hostile fire.
- Documentation includes, but is not limited to DD214/215, Awards, CIB, citations and Orders.

OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE

- Members of foreign military units and paramilitary personnel who served with U.S. Armed Forces Special Operations Units, in the role defined in the General Member category.
- Documentation includes sponsorship by a General member of the SOA and an abbreviated biography of the candidate.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS AS DEFINED BY THIS ASSOCIATION – Visit the SOA website, www.specialoperations.org to review the current list of approved units.

- The unit/project/operational team must be or have been composed of U.S. Armed Forces military personnel with a mission to conduct Special Operations while assigned to what this Association defines as a Unit specifically designated and tasked with conducting combat and other combat-related missions of an unconventional, covert and/or clandestine nature; or,
- On a routine basis provided direct combat support as part of the Operational Team performing Special Operations missions, aviation units providing insertion, extraction and direct fire support while in close proximity to enemy forces.

You may apply online (preferred) on the SOA website or mail to: Membership Committee, PO Box 335461, N. Las Vegas, NV 89033. A \$35 non-refundable application fee is required. Make checks payable to the SOA.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
Application for Membership



The SOA By-Laws define two classes of SOA Members: **General** and **Associate**. **Operational Associate** is a *distinction* conferred on non-US Armed Forces members that support the General Member category.

Indicate the Membership type you are applying for:

GENERAL

ASSOCIATE

OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE

If you do not qualify for General, will you accept Associate or Operational Associate? YES _____ NO _____

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	MIDDLE NAME:	
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP+4
PHONE	CELL PHONE	EMAIL	
DATE OF BIRTH	SSN	SERVICE NUMBER	

B. EMERGENCY CONTACT OR NEXT OF KIN (NOK):

FIRST/LAST NAME, ADDRESS	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE	EMAIL
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C. QUALIFICATION(S): Attach documentation specific to the unit in which you served.

The approved units list is posted at www.specialoperations.org. If your unit is not on the list, and you can document that you served in a Special Operations Unit as defined by the SOA, contact the Membership Committee for further instructions before submitting the application.

BRANCH	QUALIFYING UNIT(S)	MOS AND DUTIES WHILE DEPLOYED	DATES OF DEPLOYMENT	LOCATION

D. SPONSORSHIP: If you have a SOA member in good standing, who served with you and can verify your eligibility, print their name and contact information below. A member of the Committee will contact them.

SOA Member Name: _____ Contact info.: _____

E. How did you hear about the SOA? Why do you want to become a member?

F. APPLICANTS OATH: I affirm that the information submitted is true, correct, and voluntarily given. I grant permission to the Membership Committee to review my application and documentation for membership in the Special Operations Association.

Applicant's signature:	Date:
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Belt Buckle Brass raised skull	\$35.00	_____	_____
Coin MACVSOG PUC Commemorative Edition	\$12.00	_____	_____
Coin 50 th Anniversary MACVSOG 1964 -2014	\$12.00	_____	_____
Patch Blazer- Bullion, SOA Crest	\$25.00	_____	_____
License plate Black _____ Camo _____	\$16.00	_____	_____
Patch, Prairie Fire gold embroidered on black background	\$5.00	_____	_____
Patch square SOA logo embroidered on black background	\$5.00	_____	_____
Patch SOA Red Shield logo embroidered 4" tall	\$15.00	_____	_____
Patch SOA Red Shield logo embroidered 9" tall	\$30.00	_____	_____
Life Member Pin SOA round Gold____Pewter____	\$6.00	_____	_____
Hat Pin SOA Red Shield 1 ½ inches	\$7.00	_____	_____
Tie, Lapel Pin, SOA Red Shield	\$6.00	_____	_____
Decal SOA Red Shield logo, outside 2 ¼ X 3 ¼ inches	\$4.00	_____	_____
Decal SOA Red Shield logo, outside 3 x 4 ½ inches	\$5.00	_____	_____
SOA bullet glass	1- \$18.00 _____ 2- \$34.00 _____	_____	_____

Shipping flat rate USPS	SUBTOTAL _____
SM \$7.90 MD \$14.35 LG \$19.95	SHIPPING _____
	HANDLING _____ \$3.00 _____
	TOTAL _____

ORDER INSTRUCTIONS:

Name _____ SOA# _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST. _____ ZC _____

PAYMENT: Check/Money Orders/Credit Card (US currency only) payable to: Quartermaster SOA

CARD INFO: MasterCard _____ Visa _____ AMEX _____ (check one) CC# _____

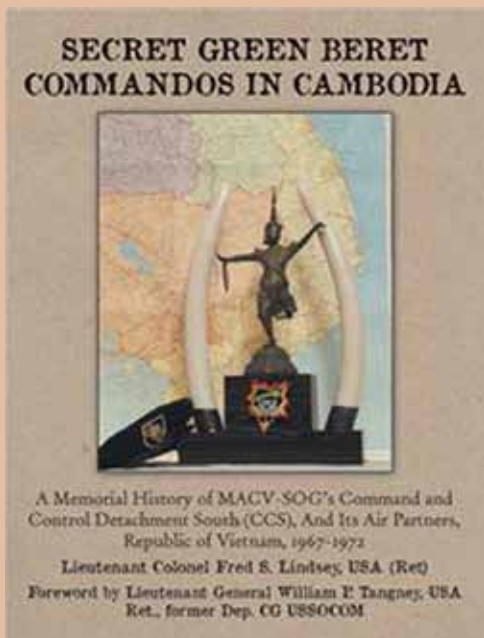
Exp. Date _____ 3 digit code on back _____

Mail to: Quartermaster SOA 1492 Lake James Dr. Prudenville, MI. 48651

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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40 Year Pin List

The following have achieved 40-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 40-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2019 SOAR Banquet:

J. Patrick Barrett 169-G

Julius Z. Farago 118-G

Alfred Montez 152-G

James L. Beard 156-A

Robert J. Graham 184-G

Hugh E. Murray 107-G

Robert J. Bechtoldt 146-G

Lloyd J. Howard 153-G

John R. Newman 192-G

Frank L. Belletire 217-G

Frank Jaks 213-G

James F. Ouzts Jr 151-G

Martin T. Bennett 150-G

Henry D. Jennings 139-G

David F. Ryder 119-G

Johnny K. Berry 110-G

John R. Lamberth 195-A

Jerry Sarkovics 142-G

Fred A. Camacho 133-G

Russel S. Mann 203-G

John K. Singlaub 108-G

Joseph Cavallero Jr 178-G

Roland S. Meder 180-G

Charles R. Steffler 172-G

Edward P. Davis 105-G

Charlie Mendoza 149-G

Larry Trimble 163-G

Edwin V. Dearborn 205-G

Ralph E. Miller 183-G

Michael J. Vermillion 167-G



35 Year Pin List

The following have achieved 40-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 35-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2019 SOAR Banquet:

Bernard Bright 651-G

Richard Brokhausen 635-G

Allan L. Bucknell 603-A

Louis W. Caton II 611-G

Carl Franquet 629-G

Carl A. Fronabarger 632-A

Jerrald Ginder 618-G

Lionel L. Hector 620-G

John Luscher 608-G

Norman H. Olson 610-G

David Parenteau 637-G

Billy Phillips 617-G

Ken R. Quackenbush 616-G

Raymond R. Shultz 639-G

William Stojack 647-A

John M. Trantanella 622-G

J. R. Turner 626-G

Marcus B. Whitt II 602-G

Ralph M. Wilkerson 640-G



30 Year Pin List

The following have achieved 30-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 30-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2019 SOA General Membership Meeting:

Saul Arredondo 891-G

Anthony Belluscio 860-G

Franklin Castleberry 864-G

Mike Farrell 856-G

M. Steven Fishman 855-A

Nicholas Godano 872-G

William Gratton 892-G

Robert F. Head 894-G

Paul Ray Jensen 868-G

Hakuhn Lemous 878-H

Donald F. MacIver 880-G

Williston McCain 877-G

Peter H. McGiffert 854-G

Sua Y Mlo 858-H

Y Wing Nie 857-H

Charles Odorizzi 853-G

Jon Ross 886-G

Robert Taylor 885-G

Charles Woodson 884-A



25 Year Pin List

The following have achieved 25-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 25-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2019 SOA General Membership Meeting:

Howard W. Allen 1200-G

Francis J. Delaney 1213-G

Robert P. Mohs 1182-G

Arpad Bacskai 1250-G

Khanh V. Doan 1233-G

Ronald D. Mullins 1191-G

Harry Birdsall 1241-G

William Durand 1204-G

Stephen C. Perry 1189-G

Dale E. Boswell 1230-A

Jerry D. Estenson 1224-G

Eugene H. Pugh 1205-G

Edwin O. Brown 1223-G

William Hanson 1214-G

Tasmania Samuela 1226-G

Phil M. Brown 1253-G

James C. Harrison 1211-G

Jon Sprague 1222-G

Thomas W. Burke 1196-G

Roger L. Hill 1201-G

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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 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 (BOA). 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 Due, 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.

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In Memoriam

Col. Sully de Fontaine



COL (R) Sully de Fontaine passed away on 22 April 2019 in Las Vegas, NV. He was one of the originals and a founding member of the Special Forces Association. He was a member of Chapter 51 in Las Vegas. He was born in Brussels, Belgium to French parents. He began his Special Operations career in 1943 when he joined the Office of Strategic Intelligence (OSS). He was trained by the Special Operations Executive (SOE) and the British Special Air Service. In 1944 he parachuted into occupied France to rescue downed pilots. After the liberation of France, he was attached to the OSS-SOE based in Belgium. He attended French, Belgium and British Military

Schools as well as earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy. In 1956 he was sent TDY to the 10th Special Forces Group in Germany during the Hungarian uprising. He volunteered for Special Forces and completed the Qualification Course in 1957. He was assigned to the Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg instructing in Soviet Intelligence, Escape and Evasion, and Counter Guerilla Warfare. In 1959 as a 1LT he was assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group and became the Group's Security Officer. He led an operation into the Congo to evacuate over 200 stranded missionaries from remote jungle areas. Based on his operations in Africa he authored "Slaver's Wheel," which is still studied today. In 1962 he deployed to Algeria serving with French Airborne as an observer during the Algerian War. In 1963 he was assigned to the 5th Special Forces Group and deployed with them to Vietnam commanding an ODA. In 1965 he commanded an Operational Detachment "B" in the Delta region. He then volunteered for MACV SOG.

In 1966 COL de Fontaine became a Military Police Officer and commanded a CID unit in France. In 1968 he returned to Vietnam as the Officer in Charge of the Special Branch of the CID and afterwards he transferred to the Criminal Investigation Agency in Washington, DC. From 1971 to 1973 he served as the Provost Marshall of the 1st Armored Division in Germany. In 1973 he was assigned as the Field Element Commander of the Joint Casualty Recovery Center (JCRC). Sully retired in 1976 and continued utilizing the skills he developed in the Military. His many occupations included; Special Agent – Western Bureau of Investigations; Senior Agent – Nevada State Gaming Control Board, Senior VP Corporate Security – United Gaming, Inc; President – International Consulting Agency, Inc; Corporate Investigator – Park Place Entertainment, Inc. and Director of Investigations – Venetian Macau, LTD, China.

His numerous awards and decorations include: Legion of Merit w/OLC, Bronze Star w/V, Purple Heart w/OLC, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal w/V, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge and British Special Air Service Parachutist Badge.



Thank you to the Special Forces Association for assistance in preparing this history of Col. Sully de Fontaine.

In Memoriam Major General Eldon Bargewell



Eldon Bargewell (Retired) MG Bargewell was born in Tacoma, Washington. Enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1967, he completed the Special Forces Qualification Course in 1968. MG Bargewell has served in the following Special Forces and Special Operations units: the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (SFG(A)); 6th SFG(A); 7th SFG(A); and 10th SFG(A); Co B (Ranger (RGR)) 75th INF (Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol (LRRP)) Company; 2nd BN (Ranger) 75th INF; Military Assistance Command – Vietnam Studies and Operations Group Command Control North (MACV-SOG CCN); 1st Special Operations Forces Operational Detachment – Delta (SFOD-D); Special Operations Command-Europe (SOCEUR); Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC); and US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). In September 1968, he was assigned to Reconnaissance Company, MACV-SOG CCN. During his two tours in SOG as a Non-Commissioned Officer Team Leader, Bargewell conducted

over 25 recon, direct action and team recovery missions into Laos and North Viet Nam. During a cross-border mission on September 27, 1971 where his team was ambushed by a greater enemy force, his actions in saving his team and getting them to safety even though he was gravely wounded earned him the Distinguished Service Cross.

Shortly after returning from Vietnam in 1972, MG Bargewell attended Infantry Officers' Candidate School (OCS) which he graduated as the Leadership Honor Graduate of OCS class 3-73 in April 1973. During his subsequent 33 years, he commanded special operations units from team to Special Operations Command level in Cambodia, Laos, North Viet Nam, the Middle East, El



Eldon wearing an NVA vest captured during a March '69 RT Michigan mission.



Three Bargewells in Iraq, Logan, Eldon, and Brant



Eldon in March 1969 a few days after being shot in the chest by NVA. Photo courtesy of Douglas "The Frenchman" LeTourneau



From left: Eldest son Brant Bargewell, SFA Chapter 78 member Doug “The Frenchman” LeTourneau, Clete “Babysan” Sinyard, David Maurer and youngest son Logan Bargewell.

Salvador, Operation JUST CAUSE (Panama), DESERT STORM (Iraq), RESTORE DEMOCRACY and ALLIED FORCE (Bosnia/Kosovo); and as Director of Operations for Operations Restore Hope (Haiti), Enduring Freedom-NATO (Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom (Iraq).

His first assignment was with Co B (RGR) 75th INF (LRRP) at Ft. Lewis, Washington whose wartime mission was to provide reconnaissance teams in support of 7th Corp in the Fulda Gap area, Germany. MG Bargewell served in multiple assignments with the unit including as a Patrol Platoon Leader, acting Company Commander (Cmdr) followed by duty as a Rifle Platoon Leader and Executive Officer. He also served as the Aide-de-Camp to the Assistant Deputy Commander 9th Infantry Division (ID). Upon promotion to Captain he was assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 9th ID, where he served as S-3 Air and Rifle Company Cmdr in 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry. Following a brief assignment as Infantry Branch Representative at Ft. Benning, MG Bargewell was selected for assignment to 1st SFOD-D in 1981 where he served as Operations Officer, Squadron Executive Officer, Troop and Squadron Commander (twice), Deputy Commander, and finally, Cmdr. From 1993 to 1996 Bargewell was assigned to JSOC as the Director of Operations J-3. Upon selection to Brigadier General in 1998 he was assigned as the Commanding General, SOCEUR in Stuttgart, Germany with the mission to provide trained and equipped Army, Navy and Air Force Special Operations units for employment in Africa and Europe, especially Bosnia and Kosovo. While commanding the Joint Special Operations Task Force (JSOTF) Noble Anvil during Operation ALLIED FORCE in Serbia, Bargewell provided Combat Search and Rescue forces. His JSOTF is credited with the rescues of two shot down USAF pilots as well as the conduct of several other operations.



Eldon with Jack & Joan Singlaub at SOAR 2013

From 2000 to 2001, he served as the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations, Stabilization Force Headquarters (SFOR),



Sarajevo, Bosnia, responsible for operational actions against Persons Indicted for War Crimes. Returning stateside in 2001, for the next two years, MG Bargewell was the Director of the Center for Special Operations, Plans, and Policy, USSOCOM, Florida before being assigned as the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations at Allied Joint Force Command (NATO) – Brunssum, Netherlands for the next two years. During this assignment, he also served as the CG for the Division size NATO RESPONSE FORCE and was the senior US Military Representative to the US Ambassador in the Netherlands. MG Bargewell’s final assignment on active duty was as the Director of Strategic Operations at HQ’s Multi-National Force-Iraq in Baghdad (2005-2006). MG Bargewell’s military decorations include the Distinguished Service Cross, Defense Distinguished Service Medal, Army Distinguished Service Medal, Defense Superior Service Medal (5), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal for valor (3), Bronze Star Medal for service (3), Purple Heart (4), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal for Valor, Army Commendation Medal for service, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal (2), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal w/Bronze Arrowhead, Vietnam Service Medal (7), Southwest Asia Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, NATO Medal (3), NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, GWOT Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation (MACV SOG-VN), Joint Meritorious Unit Citation (2), Valorous Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Unit Citation, French Service Medal (Ex-Yugoslavia), Combat Infantry Badge, Master Parachutists Badge, Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, Military Free Fall Badge, Vietnamese HALO badge, Vietnamese, German, and Thai Parachute Badges. MG Bargewell is also the recipient of the Colonel Aaron Bank award (2007), the Greater DC SOF Old and Bold Mountain Man award (2009), and the USSOCOM Bull Simons Award (2010). He is a member of Infantry Officers Candidate Hall of Fame (1997) and an enlisted Honor Graduate Ranger School (1970).

Thank you to SFA Chapter 78 staff of the Sentinel for assisting in preparation of this article on MG Eldon Bargewell.

The Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute Pistol

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The left side features a banner reading "Special Operations Association," the SOA logo, a recon team with several members disguised as NVA (Note pith helmets), a special forces member with his suppressed M3 submachine gun, and a Montagnard returning from a mission. The Montagnard soldiers were trusted partners who played a pivotal role in numerous recon missions.



Elegant grips are laser-carved with the Special Operations Association logo.

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