



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION AFTER ACTION REPORT



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August 23, 1968 FOB 4 Memorial Committee
SOAR XLII-October 17, 2018

Larry Trimble, Gene Pugh, Bruce Christensen, Bonnie Cooper, Doug Godshall, Dan Thompson
(*Committee Member Steve Bric* not shown)

SOAR XLII

OCTOBER 15-19, 2018

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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>



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SOA FACT SHEET

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

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

The specific and primary purposes of the SOA are:

- a. To unite fraternally all veterans who have or are now conducting or supporting classified "Special Operations" deep in hostile enemy territory or have been assigned to military units which conducted such operations; and,
- b. To perpetuate the Special Operations "esprit de corps"; and,
- c. To commemorate fittingly the memory of those who have given their lives in defense of the Free World and to those who served in Special Operations units and are still unaccounted for as POW/MIA through the management of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Grant Fund. Since 1983, over \$648,500 has been awarded, or committed thus far to 163 deserving young scholars.

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

The SOA conducted its 42d annual reunion (SOAR XLII) in Las Vegas, Nevada at the Orleans Hotel and Casino during the period 15-19 October 2018. This year's attendance was 674 members and guests. Honored during a Memorial Breakfast were family members of 11 of the 16 fallen warriors at FOB 4.

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**2019 ANNUAL DUES ARE NOW DUE AND PAYABLE.
Refer to the annual dues page 49 for additional information**

Letter from the President

2018 was a very busy year for the Special Operations Association. Three new and excellent directors were elected this year and sworn in at our General Membership meeting. Incoming Secretary “Duffy” Jensen, Bob Leites and Alfonso “RT” Rivero were sworn in and will provide the leadership and continuity so important to our organization. Please see also the 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 year pin recipients attending this year.

The 23 August 1968 Memorial Breakfast was the result of many months of hard work by Committee members who presented a memorable and moving service at SOAR with more than 300 family members, SOA members and guests present. We owe many thanks to all Committee members’ as well honorary co-chairs MG Eldon Bargewell and Command Sergeant Major Spider Parks. All worked together tirelessly to make the outstanding Memorial tribute possible.

Under the leadership of Chairman Mike Taylor our Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee continues its solemn mission to obtain the fullest possible accounting of missing and unaccounted military personnel from Southeast Asia. Mike reported on his trip to Southeast Asia and received important updates from DPAA staff, honored guests as well as supporting comments from Ann Mills Griffiths representing the National League of POW/MIA families.

The Special Operations association Foundation (SOAF) booth had the best year ever in both visitors and donations. Outside Donations throughout the year were up as well. This was a very good year for the SOA Foundation and we expect next year to be a very great year as well.

The Bright Light, Warrior Family Fund, and George C. Morton Scholarship Committees were very active in 2018 supporting members and families. All committees are active, fully funded and ready to go for 2019.

Many thanks to Chair John Russell for his Entertainment efforts in putting together the fabulous Wynn Hotel excursion “La Reve-The Dream”. Our new Registrar Ivan Davis did a superb job in his first full year with his mentors Ray and Ronnie Frovarp busy nearby processing Membership applications. A big thank you to Jean Thong for all her work seating so many guests and to all the special moments captured by photographer Dick Whitman.

Great thanks to banquet keynote speaker, DSC recipient, SOA member, and survivor of the 23 August battle in Da Nang, Pat Watkins for his entertaining and informative speech. A great banquet!

*Sincerely,
Rick Estes, President*

See you all at SOAR XLIII 21-25 October 2019.



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Soar XLII Entertainment Event



SOAR XLII entertainment was coordinated by John Russell, Committee Chair, and assisted by his wife Judy Russell. The SOAR XLII Entertainment was, undoubtedly, quite the spectacular event. This year's entertainment consisted of a magnificent Water Show performance at the Las Vegas Wynn Hotel & Resort, which is one of the most luxurious and expensive hotels in the Las Vegas area. A total of 75 members registered, at



significantly reduced rates, for the "sold-out" event. A waiting list was prepared for several members seeking to replace any possible cancellations. Transportation was also coordinated by the SOA Entertainment Committee and required two full busloads, thereby providing a very comfortable air-conditioned ride to and from the hotel. In accordance with the American Disabilities Act, the Wynn hotel representatives complied with such act by allowing the loading and unloading in an area that would accommodate a short walk to and from the theatre area. Wheel chair assistance was provided by hotel representatives for our members with mobility issues. SOA member attendees were also provided with early theatre entry and an assigned group seating area with several theatre employees insuring comfort and other accommodations such as the obtaining of popcorn and soft drinks. The 2.5 hour-long show was simply an amazing performance with so many breathtaking and mesmerizing events from show beginning to end. The included photographs can provide a much better depiction of the opulent and exquisite physical strengths and abilities of each performer. After the show, numerous, if not all, SOA members were still practically stunned from their excitement with numerous complimentary remarks about the show. Many members opined such as being the best entertainment ever presented by the SOA Entertainment Committee. It is the SOA Entertainment Committee's goal to continue providing superbly quality future entertainment at major resort hotels within the Las Vegas area. SOA Member entertainment suggestions for future events are encouraged.



John Russell, Entertainment Committee Chair

FOB Memorial Breakfast



Remembrance 23 Aug 68 Memorial Breakfast

On October 17, 2018, the Special Operations Association proudly hosted a Memorial Breakfast at our Annual Reunion to honor the 16 families who lost Special Forces MACVSOG heroes at FOB 4, CCN, Marble Mountain, Danang, Republic of Vietnam on 23 Aug 68. Due to the outstanding support of the SOA and its Board, as well as the thousands of hours of work by the 23 Aug 68 Memorial Committee, the Breakfast was an outstanding success throughout the SOA community.

Due to the Top Secret classification of MACVSOG, none of the families were familiar with the service of their fallen ones. Few outside SOG were aware of the horrific casualties of CCN/SOG in 1968. Combining WIA, MIA and KIA, CCN casualties exceeded 100%. Neither did the families know of the early morning attack that killed their loved ones and led to the award of 66 Purple Hearts.

Over 320 guests and members attended the breakfast. Approximately 52 members of the families attended. Unknown to the Committee, 6 Medal of Honor recipients were in the audience. As the families and guests were seated, a streaming video of all 16 fallen was shown. The video was created by Bonnie Cooper. Bonnie, a distinguished US Army retiree, “found” our Committee through her husband, a retired SF trooper. Her contributions to this Breakfast, including contacting the families with Steve Bric, brother of KIA Bill Bric, were critical to our success. The families were especially grateful to her for her support in notifying them of the event and assisting them in getting to Las Vegas.





An additional video was given to us by Eldon Bargewell. “Angel Flight” was edited by Bonnie and streamed as well.

Our Chaplain, Doc Padgett, delivered a beautiful prayer to open the Memorial, which is, by the request of many, reprinted below.



One of the most memorable events of the 23 Aug 68 Memorial Breakfast was a presentation by Dan Thompson, MACVSOG veteran. Dan presented the “Ceremony of Ashes and Names” (of the fallen heroes) accompanied by a slideshow. Dan first performed this ceremony inside Marble Mountain in the Buddhist Temple with the assistance of a Buddhist priest in the ‘90s. With some family members and survivors present, he replicated the ceremony this year at The Wall in Washington D.C. on the fiftieth anniversary of our horrible day.



The names of the fallen are written down, then the paper is burned to ashes. The names were called out and memorialized by the ringing of a bell cast in Vietnam. After taps played, the ashes and mementos from the families were placed in a memento box prepared by Bonnie. Included was sand from Marble Mountain.



The box was placed at Panel 47, West Wall, by Dan and Doug and collected by The Wall staff for placement in its permanent collection.



The families were contacted and organized for travel to Vegas by Bonnie and Steve. They were met at the breakfast by a committee of greeters, and given handsome corsages designed and crafted by sweet survivor and Marble Mountain hero Larry Trimble. Larry and his team spent several days before and after 23 Aug 68 suppressing not only the 23 Aug 68 attack, but several more on his own team. Larry also prepared badges for the survivors so that they and the families could identify each other.



Each family was called to the dais. As they approached, a biography of their loved one was read. In addition, the Bronze Star w/V award citations for Bill Bric and Robert Uyesaka were also read.



Each family received one or more FOB plaques, identical to the plaques SOG recon men received as they left country. The plaques and metal work were prepared by Committee members Gene Pugh (survivor) and Bruce Christensen (son of a survivor).

Every family member and breakfast attendee received a 23 Aug 68 challenge coin designed by Bruce Christensen, also an SOA historian.

The plaques and medals were presented to the families by legendary MACVSOG recon men, CSM Spider Parks (also a survivor) and Major General Eldon Bargewell.

After a concluding prayer, accompanied by many glistening eyes, we adjourned. We were fortunate to elicit the interest of the Stars and Stripes Newspaper. Reporter Diane Cahn followed up with a terrific article, which is on the SOA website. Chapter 78 of the SFA also published an article by Bonnie Cooper on our memorial.

On a personal note, I have rarely served with such enthusiastic and selfless volunteers as Bonnie, Steve, Gene, Larry, Bruce, Dan, Rick, Spider, and Eldon. Thanks also to the Special Forces Charitable Trust for its support.

Last, blessings and prayers to our lost comrades and their families.

*Doug Godshall
Chair, Emcee, and Survivor*

**FOB 4
23 August 1968
The Fallen**

- SSG Talmadge H. Alphin
- PFC William Bric
- SFC Tadeusz M. Kepezyk
- SFC Donald R. Kerns
- SGT James T. Kickliter
- MSG Charles R. Norris
- SGM Richard E. Pegram, Jr.
- 1LT Paul D. Potter
- MSG Rolf E. Rickmers
- SP4 Anthony J. Santana
- MSG Gilbert A. Secor
- SGT Robert J. Uyesaka
- SSG Howard S. Varni
- SFC Howard R. Voorheis
- SFC Albert M. Walter
- SFC Donald W. Welch

Dear Lord, we thank you for the food and drink that we are about to receive, and we ask that you bless it to our use.

Lord, we are gathered here today to memorialize and recall our brother warriors who were taken from us some 50 years ago. We ask that you let your face shine upon them and know, Lord, that you have some fine men to stand with St. Michael's Legion against evil on the last day.

Their spirits are with us still, Lord, as long as we remember them. And we will see them again, for as you have told us: neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. And, as these men knew, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

So until the day when tears will dry, when light will overcome darkness and all will be new, we commend them to your keeping, Lord. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

FOB Memorial Breakfast



Aviation Symposium



Army/Air Force Aviation Support of SOG –Kudos to 20th Special Operations Squadron pilot Dave Spencer and crewchief Woody Woodbury for preparing a power point and video presentation of the 20th SOS’s mission in support of CCS. But, first...

The audience was treated to brief opening remarks by the man who is credited with coining the phrase “God’s own lunatics” - referring to helicopter crews.



Renowned author, Joe Galloway of “We Were Solders Once... and Young”, recalled for the group that the phrase was born during his descent into the siege of Plei Me in October ’65. From there he took the audience through his journey to the follow-on battle of LZ Xray in the Ia Drang valley, and into the annals of history. Mr. Galloway, a gifted storyteller, wove his wry humor liberally throughout his portrayal of these two notable engagements that made for a fascinating tale that delighted everyone.



Following Joe Galloway, Dave and Woody tag teamed through an hour of power point and video presentations that highlighted strengths and weakness of their helicopters and armament. They made good use of well constructed power point slides to portray standard profiles for the infil and exfil of teams, and the role of gunships in support of the slicks and/or teams. In the latter stages of the CCS mission, the 20th withdrew from the insertion/extraction of teams and focused solely on providing gunship support for teams. The final twenty minutes was filled with various 8mm films shot from gunships. Again, hats off to Dave and Woody.

SOAR 42 POW/MIA AAR



The POW/MIA Symposium began with three presentations by members of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). From left to right: Jack Kull, Senior Policy Advisor; Matt Kristoff, Southeast Asia Analyst and Case Officer; Steve Thompson, Outreach and Communications. These three are all members of the Special Operations Association and are collectively known as "The Three Amigos."



Brad Taylor, Program Director, briefed about the status of DIA's Stony Beach Program.



Pam Cain, MIA daughter and Member of the Board, National League of POW/MIA Families, briefed us on what it means to MIA relatives to meet and get to know comrades of their lost loved ones.



Ann Mills - Griffiths, CEO and Chairman of the Board, National League of POW/MIA Families, was an MIA sister until her brother was recently recovered and identified. She is a member of the Special Operations Association. She briefed us on her assessment of the status of the accounting mission



The symposium ended with a briefing by Mike Taylor, Chairman, Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee, about his trip to Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam in January 2018. Mike met with US and partner nation officials for an update and exchange of views about the accounting mission. He also met with former combatant veterans organizations to thank them for their help with MIA info and urged them to continue to do so.

20 Year Pin Ceremony



The following SOA Members were recognized at the SOAR XLII General Membership Meeting for achieving 20-year status as members of the SOA. Tenure pins were presented by President Rick Estes, MG(R) Eldon Bargewell and Clyde Sincere.

Eldon Bargewell	James W. Graves	Emery P. Johnston	Alfonso Rivero
Robert H. Bost	Donald W. Haase	Alan N. Keller	James P. Sallee
William J. Deacy	Ronald T. Hanna	Keith A. Larson	Paul R. Wilson
Ronald L. Doran	Keith A. Hendricks	Lawrence L. Little	Ivan Woronchuk
Stephen M. Goth	Chester B. Howard	David Lucier	



25 Year Pin Ceremony



The following SOA Members were recognized at the SOAR XLII General Membership Meeting for achieving 25-year status as members of the SOA. Tenure pins were presented by President Rick Estes, MG(R) Eldon Bargewell and Clyde Sincere.

Dale C. Betterton

Robert Garcia

Stephen R. Sullivan

Dennis E. Bieber

Joseph F. Parnar

Tom Tatten

Charles A. Cantwell

George E. Pointon

Charles R. Woodson

Johnson S. Clark

George Sternberg

Alvin H. Young

Michael Dwyer



30 Year Pin Ceremony



The following SOA Members were recognized at the SOAR XLII General Membership Meeting for achieving 30-year status as members of the SOA. Tenure pins were presented by President Rick Estes, MG(R) Eldon Bargewell and Clyde Sincere.

Roger L. Cherry

Thomas E. Johnson

Michael G. Stahl

Robert Donoghue

Dr. James Jones-Shorten

Marcus B. Whitt II

Eugene Hall

Trent E. Lancelot

Laurence T. Wicorek

Gene D. Hamner

Charles M. Randall

Kenneth W. Holmes

Stephen G. Sherman



35 Year Pin Ceremony



The following SOA Members were recognized at the SOAR XLII General Membership Meeting for achieving 35-year status as members of the SOA. Tenure pins were presented by President Rick Estes, MG(R) Eldon Bargewell and Clyde Sincere.

Martin T. Bennett

Ronald D. Brockelman

James D. Brunni

Paul Brunton

Richard L. Estes

Richard Freeman

Thomas Livingston

Jay Massey

Timothy K. Schaaf

John A. Seymour



40 Year Pin Ceremony



The following SOA Members were recognized at the SOAR XLII banquet for achieving 40-year status as members of the SOA. Tenure pins were presented by President Rick Estes, MG(R) Eldon Bargewell and Clyde Sincere.

Tony Acquingoc

JD Bath

Charles Berg

Richard Dioguardi

Bo Gritz

Jim Hetrick

Walt Nader

Frank Veccarillo



**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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**17 October 2018
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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 Jebburgh Award.
17. Farewell to SOA Board Members: President Estes bid 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

Election Tally Report

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
TALLY COMMITTEE REPORT OF
2018 VOTE COUNT**

To: Rick Estes, President, SOA
Board of Directors

10-10-2018

From: Mike Keele, Tally Committee Chairman

Subject: OF THE BALLOT COUNT FOR THE 2018 ELECTION

Ballots for the SOA election of Secretary and two Directors were sent to the members in the 2018 pre-registration package (PRP). Only current general members were eligible to cast a ballot. Voter eligibility was determined by the Membership Chairman during the ballot collection process.

This year's election for SOA Secretary and two Directors was down notably from previous years. In total, there were 138 ballots cast. Of those 6 were rejected, 3 from ineligible associate members, and 3 were invalid due to votes cast for every candidate. Five SOA members received write-in votes for a total 18 votes.

Among the three candidates for Director, 17 votes separated the highest and lowest vote tally.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Keele, Tally Committee chairman*

General Membership Meeting



On Wednesday, October 18th, the SOA members convened their annual General Membership Meeting at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. A quorum was present with 110 General Members in attendance. Director McClure led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and Director Padgett offered the Chaplain's Prayer.

President Estes administered the Oath of Office to incoming Secretary Duffy Jensen, and Directors Bob Leites and "RT" Rivero. In the absence of a treasurer, President Estes provided an overview of the Association's financial reports. In addition, various other committee Chairmen gave updates on current initiatives and projects.



MG Bargewell (Ret) presented 20, 25, 30, and 35 year tenure pins to those recipients in attendance. Following adjournment, Clyde Sincere hosted the raffle and silent auction, and presided over the presentation of the door prizes. Unlike recent years, the raffle winner was present at the GMM. Woody Woodbury was the proud winner of the custom M-14A .308 Sniper Rifle certified at 2,000 yards.



**Special Operations Association
Balance Sheet - Cash Basis
As of December 31, 2018**

	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
SOA Non-Restricted Accounts	97,513.69
SOA Restricted Accounts -0533	132,460.17
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 229,973.86</u>
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Contract-Web	175.12
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$ 175.12</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 230,148.98</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 230,148.98</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Temporary Liability-Restricted	
Scholarship Funds	49,200.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 49,200.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 49,200.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 49,200.00</u>
Equity	
Unallocated Funds (Ret. Earn)	207,591.12
Net Income	-26,642.14
Total Equity	<u>\$ 180,948.98</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 230,148.98</u>

**Special Operations Association
Profit and Loss - Cash Basis
January - December 2018**

	Total		
	Operations/Unrestricted	Total Restricted	TOTAL
Income			
Contributions Income	15,255	23,110	38,365
Fund Raising	17,245	10,040	27,285
Interest & Dividends	64	75	139
Membership Dues	20,835	13,040	33,875
Miscellaneous Income	74	0	74
PRP Income	400	0	400
Quarter Master Sales	24,288	0	24,288
Reunion Income	127,165	2,970	130,135
Royalty Income	502	0	502
Total Income	\$205,828	\$49,235	\$255,063
Expenses			
AAR Production	9,397	0	9,397
Administrative Expenses	47,442	10,681	58,123
Fund Raising Expenses	4,937	1,613	6,551
Jedburgh Award Expenses	379	0	379
Membership Expenses	1,531	112	1,643
MIA & POW Expenses	0	760	760
PRP Production	10,926	0	10,926
Quarter Master Cost	22,444	0	22,444
Reunion Expense	126,534	5,659	132,193
Scholarship Expenses	0	16,700	16,700
Travel (All inclusive)	9,774	12,815	22,589
Total Expenses	\$233,364	\$48,341	\$281,705
Net Income	(\$27,536)	\$893	(\$26,642)

SOA Nominating Committee Election Announcement

SOA NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND SOA BOARD ELECTIONS - (2019)

1. The SOA will elect a Treasurer and two Directors to three (3) year terms effective as of the SOAR XLIII General Membership Meeting.
2. SOA Members competing for an open position must agree to serve as a Director on the Special Operations Association Foundation (SOAF).
3. In order to compete for any Board position, a member must be either an Annual, or Life General member in “good standing”, and have attended at least one (1) of the last three (3) SOARs, including the day before the General Membership Meeting, the General Membership Meeting, and the Banquet prior to competing for office.
4. Interested candidates should submit a digital picture and a short bio (no more than 150 words) to any member of the Membership Committee NLT 30 April 2019.
5. The SOAR XLIII Pre-Registration Packet (PRP) will contain the bio/photo data and the official SOA Election Ballot with space below each category position for any write-in candidates. Ballots must be mailed to the Chairman of the Tally Committee NLT 30 September 2019 for tabulation and presentation at the 2019 SOAR General Membership Meeting.
6. Queries may be addressed to any member of the Nominating Committee.
7. Nomination Committee Chairman - Jim Day, 12383 Quinlan Ave., Port Charlotte, Florida 33981. (541) 912-5225, rtrule@comcast.net

SOAR XLII Fund Raising Report

During the conduct of SOAR XLII, the SOA raised \$3,508.00 for its Charitable Activities via the "Silent Auction" process.

The SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund:	\$ 1,350.00
The SOA Operation "Brightlight" Program Fund:	\$ 575.00
The SOA Personal History Video Project Fund:	\$ 390.00
The SOA Warrior's Family Program Fund:	\$ 180.00
The Special Operations Association Foundation Fund, (SOAF):	\$ 475.00
The SOA General Operations Fund:	\$ 638.00*

*Includes \$100. Cash Donation from Joe Parnar, SOA # 1041-GL

TOTALS: \$ 3,608.00

Major "Silent Auction" Prizes "Hi-Bidders":

- GLOCK # 1. The "Hi-Bidder": Ronald Kent Harper
- GLOCK # 2. The "Hi-Bidder": Gerad Riester
- SOAR XLII MACVSOG Quilt: Leonard Tilley
- Airborne Jump Wing Bracelet: Donna Zaitz

SOA Annual Raffle Winners:

M14-A Custom Sniper Rifle: James Woodbury, SOA # 3017-GA. All revenue garnered was directed to support the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund. A total of \$9,470. was raised via the sale of Raffle Tickets.

SOG-15 Carbine, Caliber 5.56, Serial # 00001: Fred A. Camacho, SOA # 133-GL. However, Fred has elected to donate the weapon back to the SOA to raffle off again next year. THANK YOU, FRED. All revenue garnered was directed to support the SOA General Fund. A total of \$8,830. was raised via the sale of Raffle Tickets.

SOAR CONTRIBUTORS: The following Corporations, Organizations, and Individuals Donated "Silent Auction" prizes, and/or "Door Prizes", SOA Archival Items, and/or Cash in support of the various SOA Charitable Activities. Unfortunately, there were a few prizes that were not bid on, or the Bidder did not provide the "minimum bid" required. These prizes will again be made available during the conduct of the SOAR XLIII Silent Auction" process in October 2019. If per chance, I neglected to include a contribution – by anyone – I apologize, for not including you by name below – I will make sure that I do not forget you next year:

- | | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| The Orleans Hotel & Casino | The Special Operations Association |
| United States of America Vietnam Commemoration – Brian Kumnick | OSS Society - Charles Pinck |
| Joe Galloway | Anheuser-Busch, Inc. |
| The SOA Riders (Tom Carrell) | PEPSI COLA, Inc. |
| BEAM SUNTORY | Bruce Christensen |
| James A. Gaston | Jason M. Hardy |
| Joe Parnar | Mark Kinsler |
| Thomas Cunningham | Chester Howard |
| Tony Herrell | Bonnie Cooper |
| John Vislosky | Barbara Birchim |
| Steve Sherman | |
| Sully deFontaine | |

SOAR XLII VENDORS:

- | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Bruce Christensen | Jason M. Hardy | James Phillips | Mark Kinsler |
| Joe Parnar | John Joyce | James A. Gaston | Barbara Birchim |

SOA DONATION/CONTRIBUTION RECEIPT:

The SOA is prepared to furnish any member who donated/contributed any item(s) in support of the SOA "Silent Auction" process, whose total value exceeds \$100. a Donation/Contribution Receipt for IRS tax purposes. Members are requested to contact Clyde Sincere at (435) 680-4476, or cjrsincere@gmail.com to facilitate requisite action. Thank You.

THANK YOU:

Last, but certainly not least, on behalf of the entire SOA, I'd like to thank Colonel (Ret) Ludwig Faistenhammer, Jr., SOA # 804-GL for his gracious contribution of \$2,000. in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund. Thank You Sir.

SOA VENDOR STAFF

On behalf of Doug Godshall, and Clyde Sincere, Co-Chairman, SOA Fundraising/Resources Committee, kudos, and a "Tip of the Beret" to Helmer & Gail Pearson, Chuck Woodson, John Vislosky, and Suzie Gaspard for their many hours of duty and devotion in the SOA Vendor Area during the conduct of SOAR XLII. Thank You.

2018 Registrar's Report

Registrar's Report Special Operations Association Reunion XLII October 2018

2018 marked the 42nd anniversary of the Special Operations Association. Over 670 members and their guest celebrated this milestone in our history. 2018 also marked the 50th anniversary of the sapper attack on FOB 4 which took the lives of 16 Special Forces troops. In remembrance of this, the single largest combat loss of Green Berets in Vietnam, the Special Operations Association hosted a memorial breakfast for 326 including family members of 11 of the fallen warriors.

Attendance by membership type:

262	General
20	Associate
1	Operational Associate
10	Honorary
8	Widows
4	Organizations & Vendors
52	FOB 4 Family Members
317	Guests
674	Total

Thank you to the numerous members and guests who volunteered this year. Your dedication and service is greatly appreciated and vital to the success of our reunions. Of particular mention we thank Ray and Ronnie Frovarp, Jean Thong and Gerad Riester, and Becki and Brent Davis.

May God bless those who wanted to but were not able to attend, and we pray their situation may improve this coming year, enabling them to join their brothers and sisters in arms for next year's reunion.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ivan Davis*

Membership Report

2018 STATE OF THE MEMBERSHIP

The recruiting year ended with 43 approved applications. This increase is reflected in the active SOA Membership roster ending December 31, 2018:

- 1312 General
- 122 Associate
- 22 Operational Associate
- 45 Honorary
- 44 Warrior's Widows

In addition to the above, 56 SOA members were reported deceased.

All Members are encouraged to visit the SOA website: www.specialoperations.org. Members can use the secure website to renew annual memberships, update contact information, make purchases on the newly redesigned quartermaster site and keep abreast of information important to the membership.

Thanks to the Membership Committee for contributing their time and talent on the Committee in 2018. Special thanks to Pete Buscetto for his efforts in developing the SOA website.

On behalf of the Committee, thanks for your support, and patience as we work to make the SOA the best combat veterans' organization around.

Respectfully Submitted

*Ray Frovarp
2018 Membership Chair*



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SOA Video History Project and Archive Update



This year we were fortunate to receive Sully De Fontaine's OSS Congressional Gold Medal replica for the SOA Archives. On 21 March 2018 members of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) were awarded a Congressional Gold Medal. The medal, conferred collectively, recognizes the members of the OSS for their superior service and major contributions during World War II. I would like to thank Sully for the donation of his replica medal for preservation in the SOA Archives.

Also this year the archives received a photo album of Command and Control South (CCS) Awards and Decorations ceremonies. The black and white pictures are captioned, including the date the award was given as well as the name and rank of the recipient. In the photos are a number of veterans who have already been interviewed by the Video History Project. The album

will be on display at future reunions and I encourage everyone to come by and take a look. If you are in the album and have not yet done an interview for the Video History Project please consider doing so. Also, if you have photos of your time with SOG or any of the support units please consider making copies for the SOA Archives.

The SOA Video History Project was able to conduct 11 additional interviews for the Archives. We now have over 120 interviews and our collection of historical data is now being recognized by historians at the Special Operations Command (SOCOM) and the U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) as a significant source of history on special operations during the Vietnam War.

In order to keep this valuable project progressing we rely heavily on donations. This year Shirley Williams was again very generous in donating funds to this project. Shirley was also the recipient of the SOA Donor Recognition Award for her past donations to the project. Marshall Hall and Don Engebretsen also gave generously as did Tony Herrell. Still, this project needs more funding and quickly. A donation in any amount is always appreciated, however larger donations are being sought in order to keep this project moving ahead in the coming years. The history we preserve now will help future generations understand what special operations in Vietnam were really about. Please make your donation payable to the SOA Video History Project (VHP) so the funds reach the proper account. Donations may be sent to: SOA Administrator, P.O. Box 335461, N. Las Vegas, NV 89033.

Donations of items for the SOA Archives may be sent to:

Dennis Cummings
SOA Archivist
3649 Taylor Ave
Bridgeton, MO 63044
314-303-9156

Brightlight Committee Report

SOAR XLII January 2019

SOAR XLII AAR – January 2019

The mission statement for Operation Brightlight is simple: to help bring any SOA member to SOAR who, due to fiscal exigencies, wouldn't be able to otherwise attend the reunion.

The Brightlight (BL) Committee received applications during the last year for three SOA members to attend SOAR. All three applications were approved by the Committee.

One of the grantees flew and two drove to Las Vegas. Flights were reimbursed for the grantee who flew, and mileage was reimbursed for those who drove.

The BL funded expenses included registration, hotel, memorial breakfast and expense money for all grantees. Brightlight Committee policy and procedure has been revised for clarification and to allow for members of the committee to follow the award procedure step by step. The revisions were approved by the SOA BOD at the recent SOAR. The BL chair also gave a report to the general membership meeting.

The BL Committee Chair recommended to the BOD that the Committee remain staffed with the same members as the 2018-2019 year:

Chair: John Padgett

Members: Tim Schaff, Ray Grabinowski

*Respectfully submitted,
John "Doc" Padgett
Committee Chair*

Warrior's Family Fund Report

The Special Operations Association Warrior's Family Fund was established in 2012 to assist SOA family members who cannot afford to attend Special Operations Association Reunions (SOAR). Family members in need of assistance are encouraged to apply for financial aid.

For SOAR XLII, there were four requests for assistance from the SOA Warrior's Family Fund. Each request was honored at various levels of support.

Widows and Survivors of 23 August 1968 KIAs also received assistance with transportation and registration costs.

Total funds expended - \$2118.70

*Respectfully submitted,
Bill Werther, Chairman*

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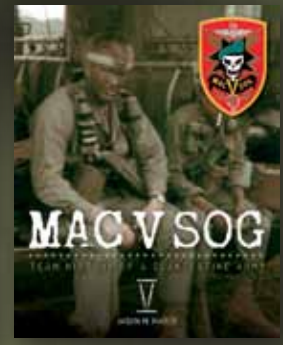
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LIGHTERS

Zippo® w/ Presentation	\$250
Others	\$100 to \$200

SOG IDENTIFICATION CARDS

SOG ID's	\$250
Team Calling Cards	\$150
Others	\$75

FIGHTING KNIVES

SOG Knives	\$800 to \$1,400
Presentation	
SOG Knives	\$1,500 to \$2,000
Gerbers	\$350 to \$500
Buffalo Bill	
Presentation Knives	\$500
Randalls	\$500 and up

EQUIPMENT

STABO Rigs	\$350 to \$500
Hanson Rigs	\$250
Jungle Boots	\$75 to \$150
Jungle Boots with Foot Print Sole	\$1,000

CAPTURED ITEMS

Ordinance	\$100 to \$350
Uniforms	\$350 to \$500
Headgear	\$100 to \$250

INSIGNIA

Recon Team Patches	\$500 and up
Other Patches	\$150 to \$500
Beer Can DIs	\$150 to \$250



**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM
ANNUAL REPORT
(16 NOVEMBER 2018)**

Recipient Status

- Two Class of 2019 students, Mr. Zebulun Criswell and Ms. Claire Lacey, remain in the program. They have been issued their Fall semester checks.
- Two Class of 2020 students, Ms. Anne E. Hewitt and Ms. Anna F. Carey remain in the program and have been issued their Fall semester checks.
- Three Class of 2021 students, Ms. Mikayla H. D’Anna, Mr. Alex E. Shumate and Ms. Sydney A. Shank remain in the program and have been issued their Fall semester checks.
- One Class of 2022 student, Mr. Christopher J. Berg is new in the program and has been issued his Fall semester check.
- Eight scholarship recipients therefore are currently active and remain eligible in the program this semester. The following is an overview of recipients by class:

Seniors 2
Juniors 2
Sophomores 3
Freshmen 1

In addition to the eight recipients in our program, one applicant who applied for our scholarship this year, Mr. Thomas Crawford Debenport, son of Mr. Terence P. Debenport, SOA 3338-GA, was unable to be funded due to insufficient funds available for award in the SOA scholarship fund. However, our committee recommended him for the Stephano Agostinelli Memorial Scholarship which is given by Mr. Robert Agostinelli, through the American Veteran’s Center in Washington, DC, and Mr. Debenport was selected for that award. The amount of that scholarship is a one-time \$15,000 award. This is the sixth time one of our applicants has been selected for the Agostinelli Memorial Scholarship based upon the recommendation of the SOA Scholarship Committee.

2018 Financials

- The SOA’s total outstanding scholarship obligation at this time is \$41,000. The following is the current outstanding liability by class:

Seniors (Class of 2018)	\$2,000
Juniors (Class of 2019)	6,000
Sophomores (Class of 2020)	\$22,500
Freshmen (Class of 2021)	\$10,500
Total	\$41,000



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

ANNUAL REPORT

(16 NOVEMBER 2018)

(Continued)

- The SOA's total outstanding scholarship obligation, plus required contingency at the present time is \$49,200.
- The total amount of funds in the designated scholarship account as of 31 October 2018 is as follows:
- Total Scholarship assets \$66,748.40

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

Summary:

- Stipend checks are \$1,000 or \$1,500 per semester for existing recipients (the recipients who received a scholarship prior to this year's recipients). For new recipients, starting with last year's awards, the total scholarship value is \$12,000 for four years, at \$1,500 per semester. The amount of funds available for new awards in any given year is based upon the amount raised from all sources, less program expenses (generally minor over the last couple of years), between the previous two SOAR's (for the 2018 academic year's awards, that means from the end of SOAR 2016 through the end of SOAR 2017), with award recommendations being limited by that amount, plus additional funds as authorized by the SOA Board, if the Board deems it necessary or desirable.
- The SOA takes a fiscally conservative approach to funding of the SOA Scholarship program. A minimum funding reserve of committed funds plus not less than 20% of the amount of funds committed to scholarships is required to be maintained in our scholarship account. These funds are kept in a Federally insured restricted account, which ensures that SOA will always have the amount of committed scholarship funds available. The amount in our reserve is occasionally increased by students not remaining in the program for one reason or another, by suspension for academic reasons, by students accelerating their academic programs, by our not awarding full four year scholarships to advanced-standing students, and by not having an "even" amount for scholarships or by not having enough applicants for the amount raised in the previous year (that has not happened in recent years!). Excess funds in the scholarship account also enables the SOA to occasionally have the flexibility to award additional scholarship money in any given year to deserving recipients beyond what was raised between the previous SOARs. The program remains fiscally sound.

Christopher E. McClure, AIA
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Crown Royal Tasting



As is now the norm, the “tasting” was a much anticipated event at SOAR XLII. This year’s 75 attendees were treated to not one, but five varieties of Crown Royal hosted by Diageo Reserve. Sam Brocamontes skillfully explained the characteristics of each and shared subtle methods of teasing everyone’s individual palettes.



CCS Breakfast



The early morning hour of 0700 did little to dampen the sense camaraderie that is ever present at the annual Southern Brotherhood Breakfast, 71 hardy souls turned out for the Thursday morning gathering.

The perennial emcee, LTC Lindsey, was unable to attend this year's event, so a couple of aviators took to the podium and "winged it" with an open mic. Dale Hanson graciously joined his brothers from south at the early hour and opened the breakfast with a prayer.



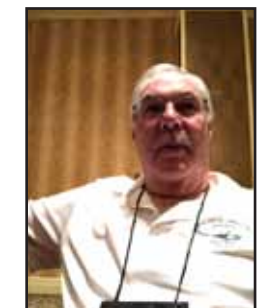
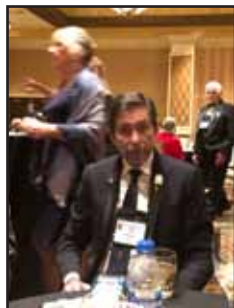
Mike Taylor then gave a moving portrayal of his good friend MAJ Don "Butch" Carr whose remains were repatriated and interred this past May. He praised the Special Force's community for their support during MAJ Carr's interment with military honors.

Bill Norden, Thunderchicken 19, followed with a fond farewell to Army's UH-1 "Huey" which is now officially retired. His tribute was replete with a phenomenal list of statistics amassed by the Huey during its storied career in Southeast Asia.



Following the traditional reading of, and salute to CCS's KIA, Bill Coughlin's wife, Paula, stepped to the podium and closed the breakfast with tribute to Bill and all SOG warriors as they were then, and to men they have become. It was an impromptu address, and very well received...bless her heart.

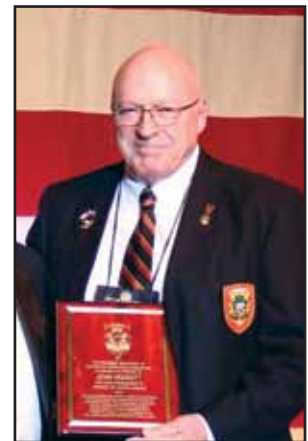
SOAR Banquet



SOAR Banquet



Banquet Recognition



TAPS

Following are our brothers who have passed since the last Taps report in the 2018 PRP, 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>
Eric Anderson	G-155	9/25/2009
Brian Wood Bailey	G-2053	9/17/2018
Donald C. Benjamin	G-899	8/18/2018
Arvin M. Briscoe, Jr.	G-2454	3/21/2018
Alvin H. Buckelew	G-1476	5/25/2018
James D. Busby	G-1993	9/17/2017
Biagio Butta	G-2184	2/26/2018
Stephen A. Carpenter	G-1841	7/20/2015
Thomas D DiGiovanni	G-2904	9/20/2018
Richard M. Eselgroth	G-797	5/14/2014
Edgar Ellis Foshee	G-1601	6/17/2018
Wolfgang G. Gartner	G-1628	11/14/2018
George Randall Givens	G-1584	7/13/2018
Homer Hungerford	G-2568	12/11/2014
Daniel Junevicus	G-867	12/18/2018
Donald G. Jutz	G-1468	7/25/2018
William L. Kendall	G-1354	6/9/2018
William E. Kiss	G-1801	12/3/2005
Jyri G. Laats	G-1216	7/28/2018
Michael E. LaDue	G-464	4/1/2013
Terrance E. Lanegan	G-2972	8/5/2017
John H. McCune	G-1051	7/1/2014
Thomas McLemore	G-1994	7/20/2017
Hugh P. O'Donnell	G-1507	10/27/2017
Reino O. Oksa	G-2144	1/31/2010
William J. Peplinski	G-961	3/4/2016
Donald E. Ross	G-1471	5/10/2014
David C. Bulldog Smith	G-1242	11/12/2018
Howard A. Stevens	G-802	9/9/2018
Serafin Telles, Jr.	G-3139	5/30/2018
Lewis G. Vasey	G-270	11/6/2018
Donn R. Wilson	G-3121	10/09/2018

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

SOA Policy Statement Reminder

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

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

Special Operations Association Advertising Rate Sheet

Front Outside Cover is Not Available

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Front and Back Inside Cover \$1500

Interior Full Page \$1400

Interior 1/2 Page \$400

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All Ads are full color

**Camera Ready Artwork is furnished by
advertiser.**

**Ads must be approved by
publication manager in advance.**

**Ads must be consistent with current SOA
guidelines.**

Ads are based upon space availability.

For more information contact:

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

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Green Valley, AZ 85614

cjrsincere@gmail.com



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,

Endowments, Bequests and Wills

(Continued)

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 just fill in this form and return it, mail or e-mail it to the Treasurer; e-mail soatreasurer@specialoperations.org or drop it off at the Registration Desk during SOAR XLII.

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: _____



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Application for Membership

Thank you for your interest in applying for membership in the SOA. Applications may be completed online (preferred) at www.specialoperations.org or by USPS, Membership Committee, PO Box 335461, N. Las Vegas, NV 89033.

A \$35 non-refundable application fee is required with this application. Thereafter, annual membership renewals are \$30, payable in January each year. Life memberships are also available.

The SOA By-Laws defines 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.

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
C. QUALIFICATION(S): Attach documentation specific to the unit in which you served. The SOA approved units list is posted at specialoperations.org . If your unit is not on the list and you can provide documentation that you served in a Unit as defined on page 2, submit documentation and the Committee will review your request.				
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.				
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:	

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
CRITERIA AND INSTRUCTIONS**

Thank you for your interest in applying for membership in the SOA. Please review the criteria in its entirety before submitting your application. The \$35 application fee is non-refundable.

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.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS AS DEFINED BY THIS ASSOCIATION

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.

MEMBER CLASSES

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 category.

GENERAL MEMBER

- A Veteran or member of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Veteran or member of a 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, citations and Orders.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

- A Veteran or member of a U.S. Armed Forces
- Veteran or member of a 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 file.
- Documentation includes, but is not limited to DD214/215, Awards, citations and Orders.

OPERATIONAL ASSOCIATE

- A distinction conferred on members of foreign military units and paramilitary personnel who serve with U.S. Armed Forces Special Operations Units, as determined by this Association, 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.

The preferred method is to apply online at www.specialoperations.org. You may also use USPS, Membership Committee, PO Box 335461, N. Las Vegas, NV 89033. Make checks payable to the SOA.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SOA RENEWAL & MEMBERSHIP FEES

Keeping your ANNUAL membership current and in good standing allows unrestricted access to the website, AAR, PRP publications and other member benefits such as SOA scholarships, Brightlight and Warrior's Widow grants.

The following fees can be processed online at www.specialoperations.org:

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Renewals are due on January 1 of each year. Add \$5 late fee if paid 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:

\$25 Add if more than 12 months in arrears

CHANGE STATUS FROM ANNUAL TO LIFE – Requests must be submitted in advance to verify status.

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

LIFE OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CARDS

\$20 Life Card
\$10 Annual Card

To avoid delays, if you are applying for reinstatement or life status, contact the Membership Chairman in advance.

If you 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



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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 and submitted online at www.specialoperations.org, emailed or send USPS.

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membership@specialoperations.org

THE SOA's MACVSOG MEDAL OF HONOR PRINT

To honor and memorialize MACVSOG's Medal of Honor recipients and the men of MACVSOG

Limited Edition of 250 prints

Creative Work of Robert L. Noe, CCN 69-70 and Artist Frank Allen



Certificate of Authenticity certifying that each signature on the print is original.

Each print is 20 x 24 inches and contains the names of all of MACVSOG's Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients and the original signatures of the five surviving MACVSOG MOH recipients.

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

NOTE: Colonel Howard passed away on 23 December 2009.

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

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

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

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

NOTE: SGM Cavaiani passed away 29 July 2014.

PRINT IMAGES

Upper Left: LI 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.

MACVSOG Medal of Honor Print Order Form

NAME: _____ SOA Member Number: _____

Number of Prints X \$150.00 per print: \$ _____

SHIPPING: \$ 15.00

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Payment Options:

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(Please Print Check or Money Order Number)

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SIGNATURE: _____

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TELEPHONE (DAY): EVENING: _____

CELL: _____

Submit Completed Order Form to:
Robert L. Strange
Attention: Special Operations Association (SOA QM Sales)
1492 Lake James Dr.
Prudenville, MI 48651
bobstrange@qmsales.org

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

NOTE: Administrative Use Only

Date Order Received: _____

Date Payment Processed: _____

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Print # Requested and/or Available: _____

Form available on SOA website: www.SpecialOperation.org



SOA Quartermaster Sales

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 Quartermaster: Bob Strange (248-935-5431)
 EMAIL: bobstrange@QMSales.org

All 2X and above add \$2.00

ITEM	PRICE	#	TOTAL
Ring, SOA 10ct gold W/ design options (includes shipping & insurance)	\$1750.00	___	approximate
Ring, SOA Sterling Silver, w/design options (includes shipping & insurance)	\$600.00	___	approximate
<u>Rings are Special Order through Quartermaster please call or email</u>			
MACVSOG Commemorative MOH print (includes shipping and insurance)	\$165.00	___	___
Tie, Official SOA 58 " ___ 64" ___	\$25.00	___	___
Vest, Fleece, Nylon Reversible, Black W/SOA logo S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$60.00	___	___
Jacket, Polyester shell, mesh upper back, and nylon lower back, front and back vents W/SOA log Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$65.00	___	___
Denim Shirt, Long sleeve, W/ SOA logo Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$36.00	___	___
Denim Shirt, Short sleeve, W/SOA logo Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$33.00	___	___
Polo Shirt, Dry fit W/SOA logo Embroidered, white ___ black ___ green ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$35.00	___	___
Sweatshirt, black W/SOA logo Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$27.00	___	___
T-shirt, Black W/ SOA Red Shield logo on back S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$14.00	___	___
T-shirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield logo on back W/pocket S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$16.00	___	___
T-shirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield left chest S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$14.00	___	___
T-shirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield left chest W/pocket S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$16.00	___	___
T-shirt Camo dry fit W/SOA logo left chest S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$20.00	___	___
Baseball Hat suede W/SOA logo Embroidered Black ___ Khaki ___ Camo ___	\$16.00	___	___
PUC Certificate Set	\$12.00	___	___

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Belt Buckle Brass New addition 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	___	_____
Patch Blazer- felt background, SOA Crest, sew on	\$15.00	___	_____
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	\$10.00	___	_____
Patch SOA Red Shield logo embroidered 9" tall	\$25.00	___	_____
Life Member Pin SOA round Gold _____ Pewter _____	\$5.00	___	_____
Hat Pin SOA Red Shield 1 ½ inches	\$6.00	___	_____
Tie, Lapel Pin, SOA Red Shield	\$5.00	___	_____
Decal SOA Red Shield logo, outside 2 ¼ X 3 ¼ inches	\$4.00	___	_____
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	HANDLING \$3.00	_____
	TOTAL	_____

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST. _____ ZIP _____

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Exp. Date _____

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The Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute Pistol

A Handsomely Decorated Browning Hi-Power Pistol

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.

During the Vietnam War there was a special breed of warrior, whose assignments were among the most dangerous. Their efforts served all the fighting men in Vietnam. They performed strategic reconnaissance. It meant high-risk duty running recon deep in enemy territory, collecting intelligence, extracting downed pilots, raiding suspected POW camps, spiking enemy supply caches and striking at the enemy from within.

We know them as U.S. Army Special Forces, SEALs, Air Commandos, Force Recon, and SAS. Beyond these honored titles, and a handful of others, participants in Special Operations defy easy description. Today America Remembers is proud to honor all of these heroic warriors who served in Southeast Asia with the Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute Pistol – a handsome Tribute issued on a legendary military sidearm, the Browning Hi-Power pistol.

From launch sites inside Vietnam, such as Kham Duc, Phu Bai, and others, members of the Studies and Observations Group (SOG) served covertly behind enemy lines, often in very dangerous situations and in difficult terrain. The young American warriors left behind the comforts of home for an uncertain fate on a far-off treacherous battlefield, putting their lives on the line in support of freedom and liberty, and serving with valor and distinction.

A Trusted Military Sidearm – A Fitting Tribute

In Vietnam, the Browning 9mm Hi-Power was a favorite combat sidearm for SOG warriors who operated secretly behind enemy lines. It featured a large magazine capacity, and was rugged, reliable and effective. In fact, the Browning Hi-Power was so respected, this classic military firearm was used for special presentations to recognize outstanding accomplishments. Designated the "Reconnaissance Team Leader Special Recognition Award," and called the "Silver Pistol," this unique presentation was awarded to a very limited number of individuals during the Vietnam War.

The Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute from America Remembers features dramatic and powerful artwork honoring those who served in Southeast Asia.

The Tribute is authorized by the Special Operations Association, a fraternal organization of American and foreign participants of special military operations in a combat theater, primarily in Southeast Asia. For this Tribute, each working pistol is decorated with 24-karat gold and nickel artwork by craftsmen specifically commissioned by America Remembers, and it is available nowhere else.



The right side features banners inscribed Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia, a SOG member outfitted with detonation equipment for a quick demolition ambush, carrying his CAR-15, and a cross-border operations team returning from a successful mission. Both sides of the slide feature three lightning bolts representing the three methods of infiltration – land, sea, and air.

Top of slide features the SOA logo, a banner reading "Special Operations Association Tribute," and a Huey picking up a recon team from behind enemy lines.

A Limited Edition of 250

Only 250 of the SOA Vietnam Tribute Pistols will ever be produced. Reservations will be accepted in the order they are received. We will arrange delivery of your Tribute through a licensed dealer of your choice. If for any reason you are less than satisfied, you may return your Tribute in unfired condition within 30 days for a full refund.

This Tribute honoring those who served in Southeast Asia is a truly inspiring tribute to America's Special Operations warriors, those who fought, those who fell, and those still listed as missing in action. It is certain to be a treasured heirloom for those who served in Southeast Asia, and for all those Americans who want to remember the brave warriors who proudly served our country.



Free Display Case is included with each order for this Tribute. To proudly exhibit and display your Tribute, each pistol will be shipped with a handsome, luxuriously lined display case, with an engraved brass identification plaque. © AHL, Inc.

Model: Browning Hi-Power • Caliber: 9mm Luger • Edition Limit: 250

I wish to reserve ___ of the "Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute Pistol" at the current issue price of \$2,295*. My deposit of \$195 per pistol is enclosed. I wish to pay the balance at the rate of \$100 per month, no interest or carrying charges. Certificate of Authenticity included. Thirty-day return privilege.

Name _____
 Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Telephone (_____) _____

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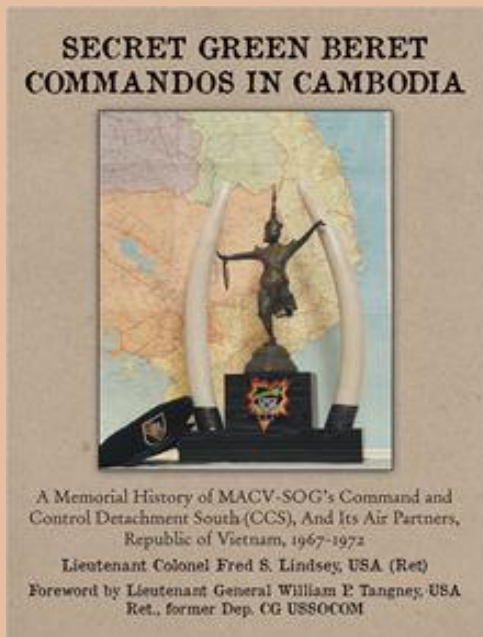
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LTC Fred S. Lindsey, USA (Ret)



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

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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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