



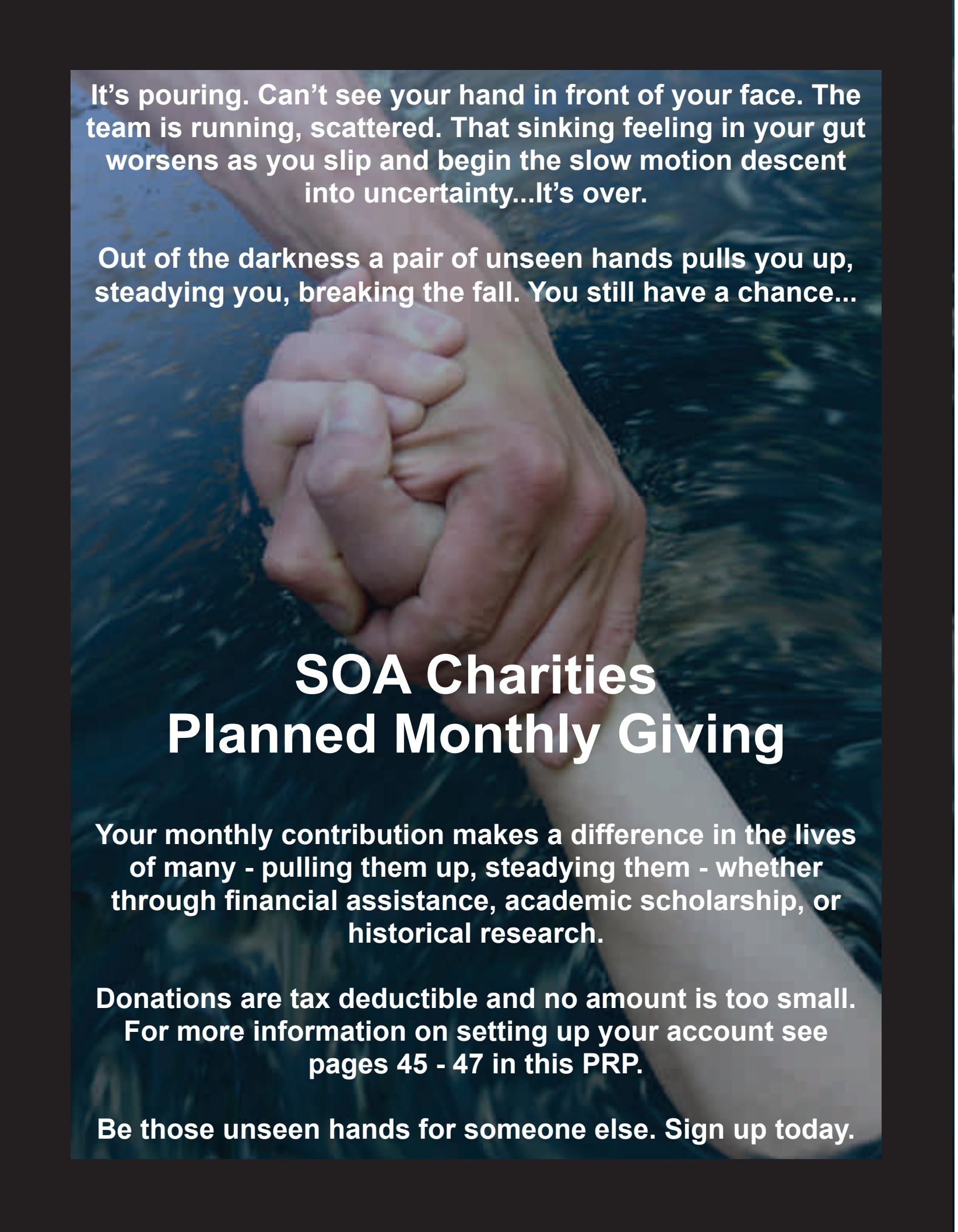
SOAR XXXVII OCTOBER 21 - 25

**THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NV**

PRE-REUNION PACKET



SOA Vice President Rick Estes presents JPAC Commander Major General Kelly McKeague joint SOA/SFA plaque of appreciation.

A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together, emerging from dark, rippling water. The hands are positioned centrally, with one hand slightly above the other, suggesting a firm grip or support. The water's surface is textured with small waves and ripples, creating a sense of depth and movement. The lighting is soft, highlighting the skin tones of the hands against the darker background of the water.

It's pouring. Can't see your hand in front of your face. The team is running, scattered. That sinking feeling in your gut worsens as you slip and begin the slow motion descent into uncertainty...It's over.

Out of the darkness a pair of unseen hands pulls you up, steadying you, breaking the fall. You still have a chance...

SOA Charities Planned Monthly Giving

Your monthly contribution makes a difference in the lives of many - pulling them up, steadying them - whether through financial assistance, academic scholarship, or historical research.

Donations are tax deductible and no amount is too small. For more information on setting up your account see pages 45 - 47 in this PRP.

Be those unseen hands for someone else. Sign up today.

June 6, 2013

Fellow SOA Members,

Gentlemen, as I write, today is D-Day. Sixty-nine years ago Allied Forces invaded France and I was again impressed with the amount of history, documentaries and even the best movie of that day, "The Longest Day" that appeared on TV this afternoon.

As I watched the film, I was reminded of how much work needs to be done within the Special Operations Association to better capture our stories through the SOA's Video History Project. This project is overseen by SOA Archivist Dennis J. Cummings. The SOA Board of Directors has committed money and resources to it. If you haven't contacted Dennis for an interview at SOAR XXXVII this year please do so. If you have written your memoirs, or notes to your children, please consider sharing them and any photos or uniform items with Dennis.

Speaking of history, please take a moment to go to the SOA's renovated web site. When you click onto it, you will see photos of Medal of Honor recipients from the special operations community, including men from our era and from other military actions. If you move your cursor over the photos in that display and click, the actual citation will appear. Anyone who wants to learn about today's special operations commands can do the same by simply placing the cursor on that unit's insignia and clicking on it.

That is one of many improvements to the web site, both visually and practically speaking. For example, as of today, SOA members can pay their annual dues online. I believe the new design is a simple, functional improvement that looks good while directing people to several key tabs that present information on the SOA and where they can donate to the SOA's fund-raising efforts.

During the summer we will have added the ability to accept many forms of payment for SOA Quartermaster sales, online registration for SOAR and special promotions on products or services that can be paid for electronically. Additionally, we now have the ability to show video and PowerPoint presentations. I want to thank SOA Treasurer Pete Buscetto and Webmaster Neil Horn, for the many hours they have dedicated to this project.

In other SOA Good News:

- The SOA will offer a Wild West Daytime travel package this year with visits to Bonnie Springs Ranch & Red Rock Canyon, which includes some delicious chow that's been tested by key board members. We're also putting together a Texas Hold'em event. I want to thank SOA Secretary John Russell, Director "Cork" Motsett and Reunion Chairman Patrick Hephner for working on these two entertainment packages.

- This year, the SOA Scholarship Committee has received an unprecedented 17 applications for assistance through that program. Committee Chairman Chris McClure and that committee have their work cut out for them.

- Under the leadership of SOA Rider Larry Trimble, the SOA Riders successfully completed a coast-to-coast ride in May to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. For more details look inside the PRP.

- The combined efforts of SFA President Jack Tobin, the SFA & SOA Board of Directors to bring our two organizations closer is continuing to make progress. Earlier this year, in our

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first major joint effort, SOA/SFA presented plaques of appreciation to JPAC and DPMO commands. SOA VP Rick Estes and his wife Bekkee flew to JPAC HQ in Hawaii while SFA Administrative Director Cliff Newman presented the plaque to DPMO staff. Additionally, the SFA's Operation Transition proposal has received approval from BG Haas where SFA/SOA members can help active duty soldiers search for careers as their time in the military draws nigh. We'll have more details on those efforts at SOAR XXXVII.

- JPAC/DPMO officials who attended SOAR XXXVI last year said that they received key information from SOA members that will be useful in their investigations to locate and return to CONUS the remains of MIA troops. They again issued an appeal to all SOA members to bring to SOAR XXXVII any maps, notes, grid coordinates where SOG teams or air support crews/personnel went missing in action during SOG operations.

- The SOA BOD has allocated funds to the SOA Warriors Family Fund. SOA Director Bill Werther is putting together his committee that will review all candidates for assistance under the aegis of that new program.

Last, but certainly not least, you may notice that this PRP is smaller in size. I've asked the BOD to cut back its size in an effort to save some money. The effort is being made to streamline the PRP, tighten its content while keeping pertinent information listed clearly. I'm looking forward to seeing your smiling faces in Vegas in October. The first beer is on me.

Respectfully,

John S. Meyer
President



Seeking Brightlight Candidates

Fellow SOA Members,

June 2013

Do you know any SOA members who will not be able to attend SOAR XXXVII 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 – listed below.

Operations 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, 26 SOA members and two 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 specifically.

Please contact one of the following committee members for assistance:
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Respectfully submitted,

SOA Operation Brightlight Committee
John S. Meyer
Tom Waskovich
Rick Grabianowski
Pete Buscetto

"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

WHAT: SOAR XXXVII

WHEN: 21 - 25 October 2013

WHERE: THE ORLEANS HOTEL/CASINO

4500 West Tropicana Avenue

Las Vegas, Nevada, 89103

800.675.3267

www.orleanscasino.com/Groups

Accommodations: Room rates are guaranteed at \$35, plus tax and resort fees Sunday through Thursday. Rates for Friday and Saturday are \$89, plus tax and resort fees. Deadline for the group rate is 15 September 2013.

Group Rate Code: A3SOC10 (Alpha-Three-Sierra-Oscar-Charlie-One-Zero)

Give this code to the hotel when making reservations

Registration and Payment Information Forms

Complete the SOAR XXXVII registration form and the payment information forms and mail them with your payment to the Registrar. An envelope is included in this PRP.

**Ray Frovarp
SOAR XXXVII
4072 Ardenwoods Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28306
910.425.1425**

Reunion Fees: Pre-registration reunion fees will be \$150. The deadline for the pre-registration is 15 October 2013. Members must register at the reunion after the deadline.

Registration Hours: Monday -Wednesday 9:30 am until 5:00 pm
Thursday - 9:30 am until 12:00 pm

Banquet Seating: The 2013 Banquet will be open seating. We ask that all members please be respectful of each other when finding a seat.



Registration and Hospitality Suite

The SOAR Registration and Hospitality Suite are located on the 2nd floor of the Orleans Hotel and Casino. Signs will be posted.

When you arrive at the registration desk have you SOA ID card available.

If you are pre-registered, proceed to the appropriate sign-in table, A to L, M to Z

If you are not pre-registered, proceed to the SOAR information desk and complete a registration form.

When you check in, you will receive your SOA ID badge for you and any guests.

Registration Gift: The Member Registration Gift is reserved only for those members who are in good standing and are registered for the entire reunion.

Guests: Guests of members are always welcome, however, sponsors are expected to be in attendance when their guests arrive at SOAR XXXVII.

ID Badges: All attendees must wear their SOA reunion ID badge to all SOAR activities.

End of Reunion: All SOAR XXXVII actions cease as of 1200 hours, Friday, 25 October 2013.

SOAR XXXVII Volunteer Assistance

Volunteers are vital and necessary to the success of SOAR. Board members, reunion coordinators, Registrar, Fund Raising Chair and other committee chairs are all volunteer positions. Specific assistance is needed in the Registration and Security area. Please indicate your availability at the bottom of the SOAR XXXVII Registration Form. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.



SOAR XXXVII REGISTRATION

Special Operations Association Reunion 21-25 October 2013
 The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV
 (800) 675-3267

**PRE-REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Must be Postmarked NLT
 15 Oct. 2013**

SOA #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Address		City	State ZIP (5+4)
Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email	

MEMBER AND GUEST NAMES Please print names as you want them to appear on the name badge. Use additional sheets as necessary.		PRE-REGISTRATION Member and/or guests attending full reunion	PARTIAL REGISTRATION Member and/or guests attending individual days:					TOTAL		
			Mon - Thurs \$150.00	Mon \$55	Tues \$55	Wed \$55	Thursday (Select One)			
							No Banq \$55		w/ Banq \$85	Banq Only \$45
First Name	Last Name									
Member								\$		
Guest								\$		
Guest								\$		
Guest								\$		

Note: The Registration Gift will be presented to those members in good standing who are registered for the entire Reunion.

TOTAL REGISTRATION: Members + Guests = \$ _____

VENDORS: Frontage Tables _____ x \$150 = \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

Complete the Registration and the Payment Information forms and return to:

Ray Frovarp, 4072 Ardenwoods Drive, Fayetteville NC 28306-8344.
 Phone: (910) 425 1425, e-mail: rmfrovarp@nc.rr.com

VOLUNTEERS: YES: I wish to volunteer in: *Registration* _____; *Security* _____; *as needed* _____.

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION
REGISTRATION ONLY**

Note: Every effort will be made to insure that your personal financial information is not compromised.

SOA # _____ **NAME** _____

PAYMENT Check _____ Money Order _____ Make payable to SOA

CREDIT CARD

VISA _____ M/C _____ AMEX _____ DINER'S _____ DISCOVER _____

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name as Printed On Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____ - _____

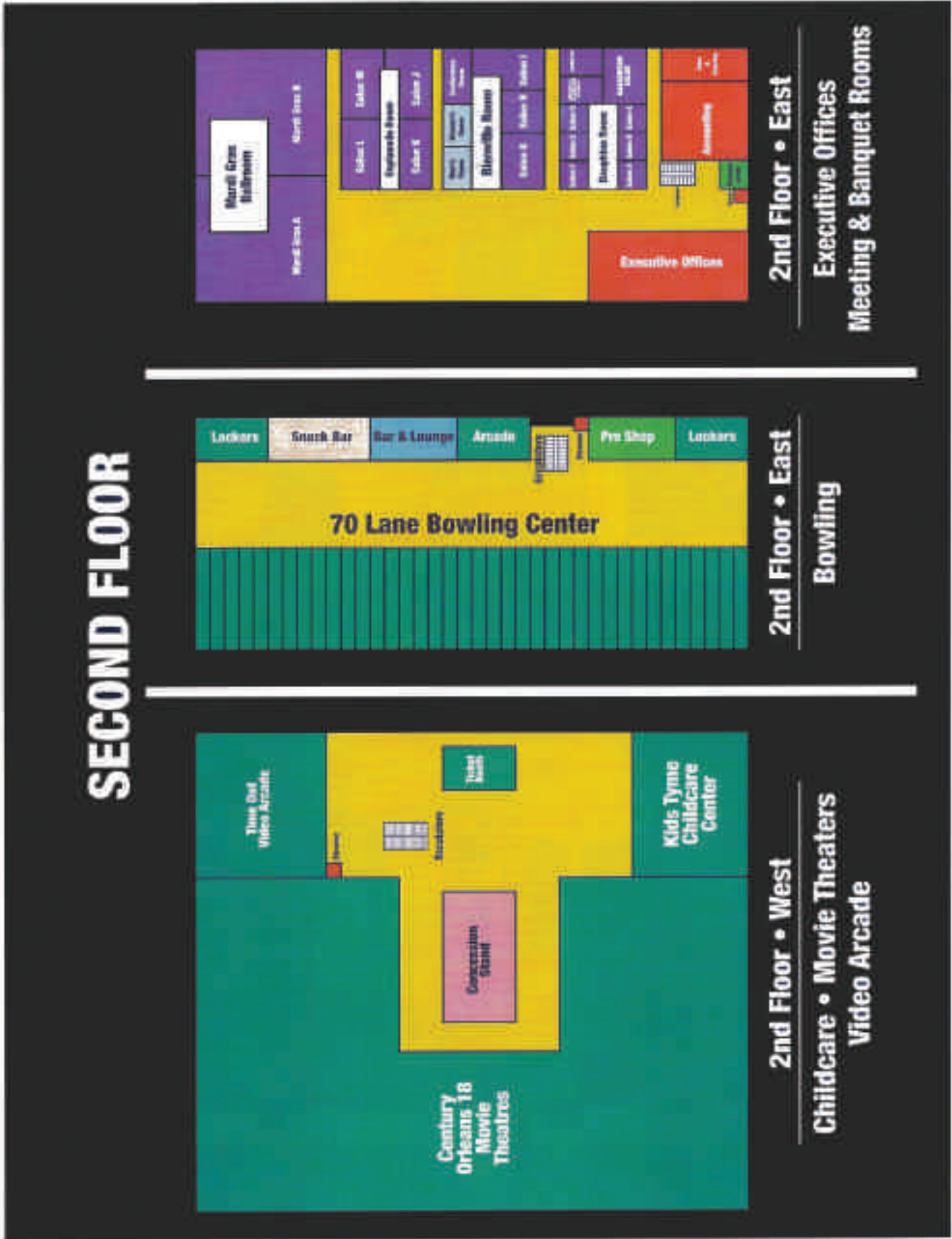
Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

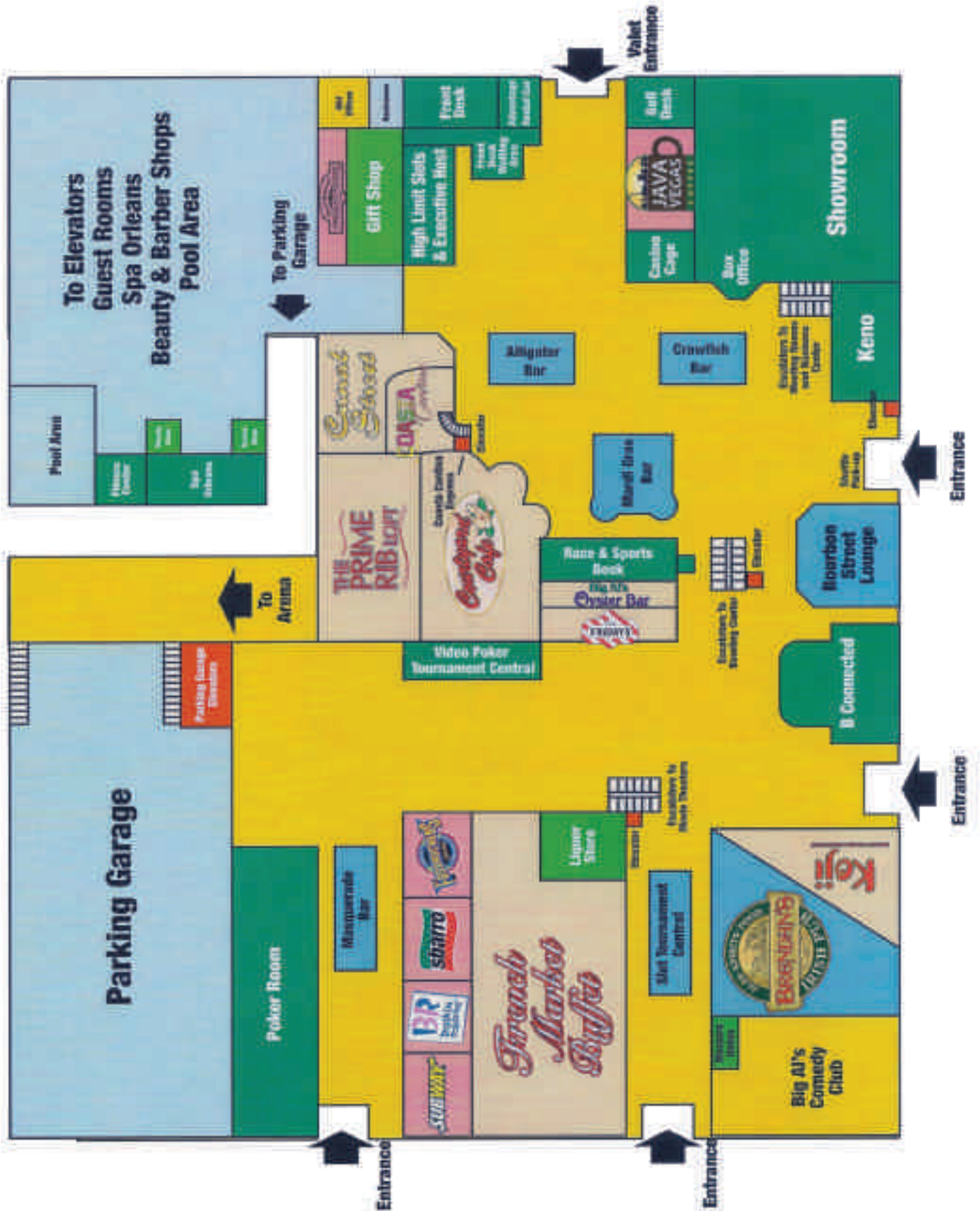
*Signature: _____

*(*Required for Credit Card Transactions)*

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**SOAR XXXVII
Schedule of Events
19 - 25 October 2013**

SATURDAY, 19 October

- 0800-1700 Board and Special Staff Meeting
1000-1700 SOA Personal Video History Project - Suite TBD - Dennis Cummings

SUNDAY, 20 October

- 0800-1100 Religious Activities.
1100-1700 SOA Personal Video History Project - Suite TBD - D. Cummings
1115 Board and Special Staff Meeting, SOAR Set-Up Activities.

MONDAY, 21 October

- 0930-1700 Registration
1000-1700 SOA Personal Video History Project – Suite # TBD - Dennis Cummings
0930-2400 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom

TUESDAY, 22 October

- 0930-1700 Registration
0800-1700 Bonnie Springs Ranch & Red Rock Canyon Tour – Departure, TBA.
1000-1700 SOA Personal Video History Project – Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
0930-2400 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, 23 October

- 0930-1700 Registration
0930-2400 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom
1000-1700 SOA Personal Video History Project – Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
1000-1100 “Veteran’s Health and the Special Operations”- Esplanade - Dr. Janelle Cooper
1130-1330 Lunch Hosted by SOA - Mardi Gras Ballroom
1330-1530 SOA General Membership Meeting - Esplanade Room
1530-1630 SOAR Door and Selected Silent Auction Prizes - Esplanade Room
2000-? TEXAS HOLD’EM TOURNAMENT - “Cork” Motsett

SOAR XXXVII Schedule of Events Continued

THURSDAY, 24 October

- 0930-1200 Registration
0930-1200 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom
0930-1200 SOA Personal Video History Project - Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
0930-1000 CAS Briefing (SPAD Pilot) - Esplanade Room - Donald L. Engelbretsen
1000-1100 POW/MIA Update Briefing - Esplanade Room - S. Thompson/J. Kull
- 1200 SOA Vendor Area/Hospitality Room - Totally Vacated NLT 1200 Hours
- 1530-1710 Cocktails - Hosted by SOA - Esplanade Room
1730-1745 Posting of Colors and Invocation - Mardi Gras Ballroom
1745-1750 Toasts
1750-1800 Introduction of VIPs and Guests
1800-1815 Presentation of 35 Year SOA Pins
1815-1915 Banquet
1915-1945 Guest Speaker Remarks
1945-2035 Awards Ceremony
2035-2045 "GOD BLESS AMERICA" - sung by Jimmy Tong
2045-2100 Retirement of Colors
2100-2400 Hospitality Room Bar Reopens

FRIDAY, 25 October

- 0930-1300 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom
0800-1300 Selective SOA Board and Special Staff Exit Meeting
1200 HOTEL CHECK OUT

The Entertainment Committee Presents Bonnie Springs Ranch & Red Rock Canyon

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

Ladies & Gents,

We want to welcome y'all and invite you to come join us for our very first daytime event outside the Orleans Hotel. We will be departing from The Orleans Hotel and Casino for a fun filled day visiting Bonnie Springs Ranch followed by a tour of Red Rock Canyon. Pick-up location will be announced but most likely the front entrance by the Keno lounge. Pick-up time is 0845. Don't be late as the bus will leave as scheduled. Sorry, no refunds for stragglers.

Your all inclusive day including transportation, minimal narrative on the way out to Bonnie Springs Ranch, all the features and attractions included as part of the Bonnie Springs Ranch package identified on their web page at: <http://www.bonniesprings.com/> including a full lunch provided by Bonnie Springs Ranch (BBQ ribs & chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, home-made biscuits & non-alcoholic beverage; we know it's good because our official taster tested it and said it was!). Salads, desserts and alcoholic beverages will available for additional prices. Horseback riding is available for an additional charge and must be arranged individually on-line prior to our arrival.

Following lunch you'll re-board your "luxurious" Silver State Trailways Bus for a guided tour of the Red Rock Canyon National Park; truly one of Nature's wonders and not to be missed: <http://www.redrockcanyonlv.org/news/outdoor-activities-around-lasvegas/>

You will be returned to The Orleans Hotel and Casino approximately six (6) hours from our start time.

Total cost (excluding horseback riding at the ranch) is only \$70.00/person. That's it! All for one great price. Please complete the registration form on the reverse side to assure a seat. Note: Participation is limited and will be accepted on a first received basis. The absolute deadline for receipt of your registration form and payment is no later than September 30 2013! It is to be mailed in the pre-addressed envelope provided (inside the carrier envelope with all other envelopes and inserts) or can be mailed in your own envelope directly to:

**John Russell
Secretary/Chairman Entertainment Committee
Special Operations Association
24782 Rochelle Lane
Lake Forest, CA 92630**

Remember, the cut off for receipt of your registration and payment is September 30th.

SOAR XXXVII
Entertainment Registration and Payment Form

Item I. BONNIE SPRING RANCH & RED ROCK CANYON Day Trip
Tuesday 22 October 2013

Note: Every effort will be made to insure that your personal financial information is not compromised.

Member Name: _____ Member #: _____

X 2 = \$140

No of Participants: _____ @ \$70.00 each = Total Cost of \$ _____

X 3 = \$ 210

Guest Names: _____

X 4 = \$280

Please identify preferred payment method:

On-Line Secured Payment in the Members Only Section of the SOA Web Site

(Credit Card; Debit Card; or Automatic Cash Withdrawal):

http://www.specialoperations.org/member_login.html

Enclosed Personal Check - Please make Payable to the Special Operations Association

Enclosed Money Order - Please make Payable to the Special Operations Association

Authorization to Charge Personal Credit/Debit Card

Card Type: M/C Visa American Express Discover Diner's Club

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: ___/___

Name on the Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

(Street, Apartment Number, and other)

City ST Zip Code

Phone: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____ (Cell) _____

*Signature: _____

(*Required for Credit Card Transactions)

Submit Payment and Registration Information **to arrive No Later Than September 30th**
in the provided envelope or mail in your own to:

John Russell
Secretary/Chairman Entertainment Committee
Special Operations Association
24782 Rochelle Lane
Lake Forest, CA 92630

Item II Texas Hold-Em Tournament Wednesday October 23 2013 Seat

Reservations (Only 50 Seats Available, provided on first request "**received**" basis.

No Payment Required until Wednesday Evening) Number of Seats Reserved: _____

Player's Names 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

1st Annual Texas Hold-Em Tournament



The Entertainment Committee is proud to announce our first annual, Texas Hold-Em Tournament to be played on Wednesday evening, October 23rd, starting promptly at 2000 hours (for you folks who never learned Military time that's 8:00 pm).

Come join us for the fun, bragging rights, money, and contribution to SOA Charities. The tournament will be held in The Orleans Hotel and Casino Poker Room and run by the Casino Management team, just to keep everything on the up-and-up and ensure the games are played fairly and professionally. Leave your weapons and your foul mouth at home because this is just for fun... Mostly. But feel free to bring your entourage or just a bunch of loud-mouthed supporters to cheer you on and make fun of your opponents. Let's make it a night like back in the clubs of yesterday. (Hotel Security has been made aware of potential heckling and trouble making from the bystanders and is prepared to tolerate it.)

Here's the Lowdown:

Who: First 50 SOA Members, Spouses, or Friends to Register - use the Entertainment. Registration form on page 16.

What: Texas Hold-Em Tournament using Las Vegas Rules - see handout in carrier envelope.

Where: Orleans Hotel and Casino Poker Room

When: Wednesday October 23rd at 8:00 pm

How (Much): Buy-in is \$50.00 per person. Winner take all (after casino cut, expenses, tips, etc.), with the winner taking 50% in cash and choosing which SOA charity will receive the other 50%. The winner's name will be inscribed on the permanent trophy identifying the 2013 and future SOA Texas Hold-Em Tournament Winners.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

THE SOA VIDEO HISTORY PROJECT FUND RAFFLE

On Wednesday afternoon, 23 October 2013, following the Special Operations Association Reunion (SOAR XXXVII) General Membership Meeting activities, the SOA will announce the name of the winner of the drawing in support of the SOA VIDEO HISTORY PROJECT Fund.

SOA Member, Joseph M. Conlon, SOA # 1833-GA, has donated a 2007 American Buffalo \$50 Gold Coin. Retail value: \$2,995. It is .999 fine, 24k Gold struck by the U.S. Mint at West Point. It has been authenticated and certified by the Numismatic Corporation (NGC) to be in perfect MS70 condition. Weight is one Troy ounce. Sealed in a plastic presentation case.

THANK YOU, JOE.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.

Winner will be notified no later than 2 November 2013 via phone.

If you desire to participate in this worthwhile program raffle, tickets are \$5.00 each, or you may purchase the ten-ticket packet for \$45. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact:

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee
435. 652.3553
sincere@skyviewmail.com

Video History Project

Your personal stories are needed to create a true history of what Special Operations Warriors have accomplished, what they have endured and what they have sacrificed for each other and for our country. Our oath of silence from the Vietnam Era has been released and we can now speak openly of the missions; where, when, who we were up against and what we accomplished.

For those who served after the Vietnam War, we are interested in your stories and missions, but understand the need for OPSEC and are aware of certain restrictions that may apply.

This record does not exist anywhere else and unless YOU tell it, it will never be told and thus. lost to history.

The SOA Video History Project will be conducting interviews before, during, and after SOAR XXXVII. Interviews will begin on Friday 18 October 2013 at the Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada and run through Friday 25 October. There is no set length of time for an interview; however, we have found that most take approximately two hours. Interviewees are encouraged to bring photos, documents or other items that are part of their story.

So, if you live in or near Las Vegas or are arriving early or staying a few extra days get involved in this project by setting up an interview. Everyone who participates in this project will be provided a copy of your interview once it is finished.

The Video History Project will also be conducting interviews in and around the St. Louis, Missouri area. Contact Dennis if you are in the area or will be traveling through and he will arrange time for your interview. In the future, the VHP will be conducting interviews in other locations around the country. Check the SOA web site periodically to see if they will be in an area near you.

Remember; this is your history and you need to be involved in the telling of it. To set up your interview, contact:

Dennis Cummings
SOA Archivist/Video History Project
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SOA Archives

The SOA Archives has been established to preserve the history of the Special Operations Association as well as the history of the units, missions and operators who conducted Special Operations. A detailed collection of artifacts going back as far as WWII, hopefully, to today's current Active Duty Operators is in the works.

Members are asked to donate items from when on Active Duty; berets, uniforms, team patches, weapons, maps, notebooks - virtually anything and everything. Our long-term plans are to eventually have a permanent display for these items, but in the interim we need to begin collecting and properly identifying them. We are also seeking stories, photographs and artifacts from units that supported Special Operations missions.

Additionally, team pictures with names and any additional identifying information will be greatly appreciated. High resolution digital files are best along with the accompanying information in text format. Physical photographs can be copied digitally and returned at your request.

Offer anything you think might be of interest or historical value to future generations of Special Operators or to those interested in military history. The US Military has done a poor job in collecting and preserving our history, our stories, and our contributions. Remember, our legacy, whether you were with the OSS or operated in Iraq or Afghanistan depends on what you are willing to share.

For more information please contact:

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SOAR XXXVII Silent Auction and/or Door Prize Donations

If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction or door prizes at SOAR XXXVII, and you will be attending the reunion, you are requested to bring the item(s) with you and provide them to Clyde Sincere as early as possible for display. Members are encouraged to participate in as many different Silent Auction items and/or door prizes as possible.

If you cannot attend SOAR XXXVII and you wish to donate either silent auction items, or door prizes, you are requested to mail the items to arrive NLT 15 October 2013 directly to:

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee
598N 1620W
St. George, Utah 84770-6691

Again, if timing becomes a problem, contact Clyde at (435) 652-3553, or sincere@skyviewmail.com. He will ensure that your contribution gift gets to the reunion. Your donation of either silent auction items or door prize items are tax deductible. Thank you for your support.

Lost Souls

Almost every other day an SOA member contacts a member on the SOA Board seeking the address, e-mail address, or telephone number of a friend who is also an SOA member, but has relocated and failed to provide a forwarding address. If you are in that situation, you are directed to contact Robert L. Strange. Bob has volunteered to be the SOA POC in this arena to assist in locating "lost souls." Call or e-mail Bob and he will forward your request on to the member you are seeking.

Bob can be reached at:
(248) 935-5431
rstrange81@yahoo.com

Smoking

There will be NO SMOKING during the SOAR General Membership Meeting, or during the SOAR Banquet.

Drinking

The bar in the Hospitality Room will remain open during the conduct of the SOAR General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, 23 OCTOBER 2013 to facilitate the hospitality of SOAR guests.

The attendance of SOA members at the GMM is required .

SOAR XXXVII Photos

Any and all photos taken during the conduct of SOAR XXXVII are requested and welcomed. It is also requested that you identify all individuals and activities reflected in the photos on the backside.

Dispatch photographs to:

Rick Estes
Vice-President, SOA
P.O. Box 1571
Wildomar, California
92595-1571.

SOA XXXVII Vendors

If you are interested in being a Vendor/Exhibitor at SOAR XXXVII, contact Clyde Sincere, Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee at (435) 652-3352 or sincere@skyviewmail.com for details. The Vendor Operations Area will:

1-Be opened at 0900 hours, Monday, 21 October through Thursday, 24 October for your admittance.

2-Be opened at 1000 hours until 1800 hours, Monday, 21 October through Wednesday, 23 October 2013 for business. At 1800 hours the entire Vendor Area will be secured until the next business day.

3-Be opened on Thursday, 24 October 2013 at 0900 hours for business and be closed (AND VACATED) no later than (NLT) 1200 hours. There will be no exceptions. The Orleans Hotel/Casino staff requires sufficient time to prepare the area for Banquet activities.

Advertisements

If you have a requirement for an advertisement in the SOAR XXXVII AAR, you are asked to coordinate your requests to include the current rate costs with:

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.,
Chairman
SOA Fund Raising Committee
sincere@skyviewmail.com
(435) 652-3553.

**SOAR XXXVII Silent Auction
Door Prize Activity**

Following the conduct of the SOAR XXXVII General Membership Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, 23 October 2013, Clyde Sincere with assistance from selected SOA Volunteers will:

1 - Award Door Prizes to SOA Members in attendance

2 - Conduct the annual Silent Auction of selected donated items.

3 - Announce the winning recipient of the Joe Conlon donated American Buffalo \$50. Gold Coin in support of the SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.

SOAR XXXVII SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

Each year it is an honor and privilege for the President of the SOA to select two (2) members of the SOA to lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance at the annual General Membership Meeting, the SOAR Banquet, and for the duration of the Reunion act in the capacity of a Sergeant-At-Arms.

The SOA Board has long established that this small but important gesture provides an opportunity for the SOA Board and the entire SOA membership to recognize two of its members chosen annually for their volunteer efforts during past reunions.

Again, as in past years, the SOA is fortunate to have many individuals who attend every reunion, and contribute to the overall success of each SOAR. It is difficult to thank the many deserving members with an honor such as this, but be assured that the two members selected this year represent all of you. Final selection of the two (2) SOAR XXXVII Sergeant-At-Arms will be determined upon close of Advance Registration on 15 October 2013 by the President, SOA.

RECOGNITION OF 20, 25, 30 and 35 YEAR SOA TENURE PIN AWARDS

20, 25, 30 and 35 Year SOA Pin Recipients:

During the conduct of the SOAR XXXVII General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, 23 October 2013, 20, 25 and 30 Year SOA pins will be awarded.

On Thursday evening, 24 October 2013 during the conduct of the SOAR XXXVII Banquet activities, the President, SOA, will present recipients with their 35 Year SOA tenure pins.

**Robin Sage
Calling All Volunteers**

The Commander of the Special Warfare School is asking for Retired and Honorably Discharged Special Forces Soldiers to return to North Carolina to participate in the Phase IV Training Exercise, Robin Sage. Volunteers will serve either as part of the Guerilla Force or the supporting community and will have the opportunity to once again go up against and outwit the Active Duty and National Guard Units who are actively attempting to track and destroy the Student Teams.

While there is no pay and not even a Per Diem allowance you will be provided "3 Hots and a Cot", but you'll have the chance to interact with today's newest prospective members of the Regiment and learn of their training, motivation and exchange ideas on tactics, strategy, weapons and just about everything else to do with Unconventional Warfare.

The Commander of the Special Warfare School stated the money saved from using volunteers from the SFA and SOA would be used to enhance training in other areas that is vitally needed but can't be funded due to the recent cutbacks.

Chapter 118 provides a barbecue for all graduates and Robin Sage Participants the day before Graduation giving us the opportunity to meet with and talk at length with all the newest members of the Regiment.

Read more about joint SOA/SFA initiatives on page 28.



Congratulations to the Special Operations Association on their 37th annual SOAR. We look forward to many more years of joint commitment to our members, veterans, wounded warriors and to honoring those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

United[®] CUTLERY

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



SOA Vice President Rick Estes presents MG Kelly McKeague with plaque from SOA/SFA



Cmdr MG McKeague addresses JPAC soldiers and guests at awards ceremony

“The legacies of the Vietnam War include a need for the fullest possible accounting for our comrades who went missing...Your persistence in pursuing the accounting mission, sometimes in the face of insurmountable obstacles, both natural and man-made, reflects great credit upon your organization and its employees, and speaks to the heart of what it is to be an American...”

*John S. Meyer
President, SOA*



SOA Vice President Rick Estes and JPAC representative Steve Thompson



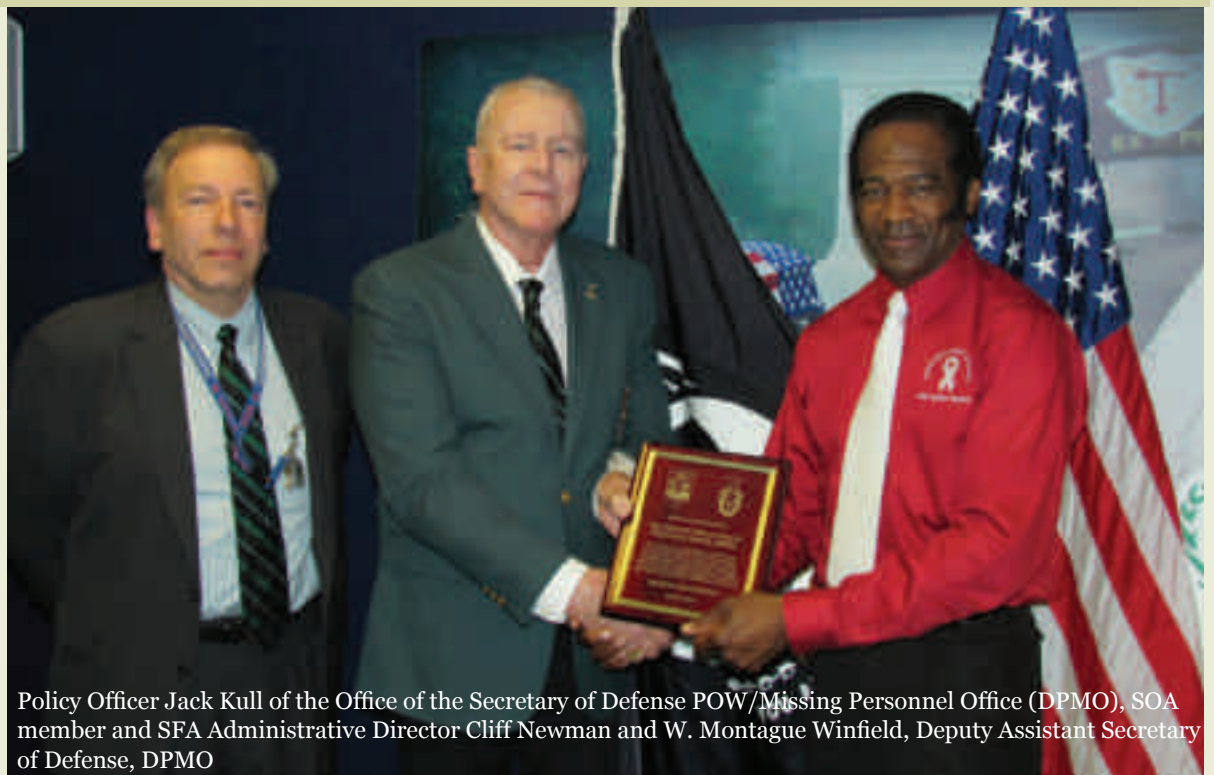
Parade Rest at Hickam AFB, Honolulu, HI

The SOA and SFA Honor JPAC



On April 1, 2013, Special Operations Association Vice President Rick Estes presented a unique combined SOA/Special Forces Association plaque of appreciation to Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) Commander Air Force Major General Kelly McKeague, expressing the deep gratitude SOA/SFA members feel for both civilian and military JPAC members for their efforts to bring home the remains of our fallen comrades from the Vietnam War.

A month later, an identical plaque was presented to DPMO by SFA Administrative Director Cliff Newman, expressing the combined thanks of our memberships' gratitude.



Policy Officer Jack Kull of the Office of the Secretary of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), SOA member and SFA Administrative Director Cliff Newman and W. Montague Winfield, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, DPMO

Joint SOA/Branch Initiatives

Over the past few years the Special Operations Association's Board of Directors has reached out to each of the four branch special operations associations, the Army Special Forces Association (SFA); Navy UDT-SEAL Association; Marine Force Recon Association and Air Force Air Commando Association to determine how working together we can help our members and those currently serving on Active Duty.

As many of you know, we came together for the first time in joint support of the SOA Resolution in support of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) battle to reduce the ranking of the then newly proposed Distinguished Warfare Medal which was to have been awarded to Air Force Drone Pilots and which was ranked just below the Silver Star and placing it above the Purple Heart, Bronze Star Medal with V/Device and all other Combat Valor Awards. This effort resulted in what a high level VFW spokesperson called the "ultimate tipping point" and almost immediately after our joint communiqué was released the Secretary of Defense announced the production of this medal was to cease, a full review conducted and since then the medal has been quietly removed. Time will tell what will be offered next but a very valuable lesson was learned and SOA members can anticipate greater efforts of cooperation and support between ourselves and the four branch spec ops associations.

As part of this effort the Board of Directors has extended an invitation to the president of each of those associations to attend and participate in this year's SOAR. As of this writing we have heard back from the Special Forces, UDT-SEAL and Force Recon presidents and each has accepted our invitation. The Air Commando's must wait until their Board meets to discuss and vote on our offer. This will be a first for the SOA and we ask each of you to welcome these men as representing their fine Veterans Associations

Joint Initiatives with the Special Forces Association

After months of discussion and planning SFA President Jack Tobin met with BG Christopher K. Haas of the SF Command and came away with a request for greater (in most cases, initial) participation by members from both the SOA and SFA in meaningful ways to benefit individual soldiers, their families, the training program and the Regiment. The areas where our assistance is requested include:

Training Command Exercise Support

Regimental Commander MG Edward M. Reeder Jr., said the command needs our support to offset the significant budget cuts that have just been handed down. General Reeder estimated that if enough of our members became involved in the training exercises it would save between \$1.3 to \$6.5 million allowing the training command to transfer what monies are left to invest in the training and equipment the students require.

As the Special Forces mission has been redefined to focus almost exclusively on Unconventional Warfare it is now recognized that the members of the SOA and SFA have more UW experience than anyone and have much to offer those being trained today. The Regiment wants to take advantage of this experience and expertise.

And what will you get out of it? Nothing. Not a penny. No per diem, no pay of any type, not even expenses. But the Regiment will provide “3 hots and a cot” (and we all remember how frequently both of those were present in Pineland!). But you will get the opportunity to participate as a role player, perhaps even a “G Chief”, asset or one of the other fun roles we can all recall. More importantly, you can become a mentor and provide one-on-one support and guidance to the students going through the program who want to learn from your experience. This is your chance to get back into the game and see just how good the newest members of the Regiment really are and to have a say in who should not be allowed in at this time.

To volunteer, please contact SFA National HQ at SFAHQ@aol.com. This is one time when you need to step up and let your voice be heard. Volunteer your time and you will receive far more in return than you ever imagined possible.

Operation Transition

A proposal was made to BG Haas and accepted to allow the SOA and SFA to assign volunteers to work at the SF Unit Transition points to provide those leaving active duty with points of contact based on zip code to his anticipated destination. The Regiment will soon be seeing an outflow of Senior NCOs and Junior Officers at levels not seen in decades and most of these fine young men will be looking for a second career once they get settled. By providing the contact information of members from both associations to transitioning soldiers, we can help them and their family make a smoother move, answer questions and provide unbiased information they can't get anywhere else while providing business introductions that can be invaluable in their job search or business start-up. Volunteers are needed to participate at each transition point where active SF units are located to help with the distribution of this information and to answer questions.

Again, this position offers no pay, no per diem, no meal allowance, no expense reimbursement - nada, zip, nothing - except the personal satisfaction of meeting these fine men and their families, the satisfaction of helping those who are following in our footsteps, and the knowledge that we are finally doing what should have been done 40 to 60 years ago!

To volunteer, please contact SFA National HQ at this e-mail address: SFAHQ@aol.com

Other initiatives will be entertained and supported in the future and will be posted on the SOA web site. Check it frequently to see what new opportunities are developing by going to <http://www.specialoperations.org/>



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

General Membership Meeting Agenda

**The Orleans Hotel and Casino
(Esplanade)**

Las Vegas, Nevada

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| I. | Call To Order | President, SOA |
| II. | Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms | President, SOA |
| III. | Pledge of Allegiance: | |
| IV. | Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen,
MIAs and POWs: | Chaplain, SOA |
| V. | Roll Call | Secretary, SOA |
| | A. SOA Board of Officers/Directors. | |
| | B. SOA Special Staff Members Present. | |
| VI. | Introduction of Guests | President, SOA |
| VII. | Credentials Report/Announcement of GM
Present, and if a quorum has been satisfied | Secretary, SOA |
| VIII. | General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda | President, SOA |
| IX. | BUSINESS MEETING: | |
| | A. Regular Business: | |

1. Minutes of SOA Annual General Membership Meeting, 24 October 2012, SOAR XXXVI AAR, Pages: 21-25 Secretary, SOA
2. Financial Report and 2014 Budget Treasurer, SOA
3. Approval of the 2014 Budget President, SOA
4. SOA Scholarship Committee Report Chairman McClure
5. SOA Brightlight Committee Report Chairman Meyer
6. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report Chairman Cummings
7. SOA Warriors Family Committee Report Chairman Werther
8. SOA Chaplain's Report Chairman Werther
9. SOA Riders Committee Report Chairman Trimble
10. SOA QM Sales Report Chairman Strange
11. SOA Membership Committee Report Chairman Calafell
12. SOA Nominating Committee Report Chairman Smith
13. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report President, SOA
14. Swearing in newly Elected SOA Officers and Directors President, SOA
 - a. Treasurer, SOA: _____
 - b. Director, SOA: _____
 - c. Director, SOA: _____
15. Farewell to SOA Board Members President, SOA
 - a. Secretary, SOA Cal Rollins.
 - b. Director, SOA Henry J. Cook, III.
 - c. Director, SOA Mel Hill
16. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members Chairman Calafell
17. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members Chairman Calafell
18. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members: Chairman Calafell
19. SOAR XXXVII Status Report Chairman Hephner

20. Approval, Proposed Changes to the
SOA By-Laws

Chairman Russell

B. New Business:

1. Corporate Sponsorship:

Director Motsett

2. SOAR XXXVIII Report:

Chairman Hephner

3. _____

4. _____

X. For the Good of the Order

XI. Call For Motion to Adjourn

President, SOA

There being no further business to conduct at this time, the President adjourns the Annual Special Operations Association General Membership Meeting at: _____ hours, 23 October 2013.

Chairman, SOA Fund Raising Committee will present a number of silent auction items to their respective highest bidders and award door prizes following the official adjournment of the GMM.

Special Operations Association Reunion XXXVII 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 will call for a Second. If a Second is made, the Chair will then acknowledge the originating member who may then speak as defined 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 - 384. 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.

Proposed By-Law Changes

Article VI Duties of the Board of Directors

- A. President – it shall be the duty of the President to serve as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Association. The President shall preside at all meetings and sign and acknowledge all instruments when required. He has the complete authority, responsibility, and accountability normally afforded the president of any Texas corporate CEO as defined by Texas statutes.
- B. Vice President – The Vice President (VP) shall perform duties as may be assigned by the President and shall assume and perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President. In the event that the office of the President becomes vacant, the Vice President will temporarily assume the President’s duties, not to exceed thirty (30) days. The new President will be appointed by the Board of Directors (BOD). The Vice President’s duties are to be outlined in Annex A of the SOA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as approved by the President and the BOD. This Annex and any other SOP assigned to the VP office may be modified by the President and/or the BOD at any time by either the President or BOD.
- C. Secretary – The Secretary shall be responsible for the maintenance of the minutes of all meetings of both member and board meetings and will give notice of meetings when required. He will ensure the SOA corporate licenses are kept current with each state where the Association is registered. He will also ensure the Association’s non -profit status is maintained with each state where filed. He shall receive, route and maintain US mail correspondence between the membership and various Board members. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the President in the absence of the President and the Vice President. The Secretary’s duties are to be outlined in Annex B of the SOA SOP as approved by the President and the BOD. This Annex and any other SOP assigned to the Secretary’s office may be modified by the President and/or the BOD at any time by either the President or BOD.
- D. Treasurer – The Treasurer will be knowledgeable and capable of administering financial records and responsibilities in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). The Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Association as defined by Texas statutes for non-profit corporations. As such he is fully responsible and accountable for all of the Association’s financial transactions. The Treasurer reports directly to the President of the SOA. The Treasurer has the authority to assign duties as pertains to managing and handling SOA funds though he retains full responsibility, accountability, and liability. The Treasurer’s duties are outlined in Annex C of the SOA SOP as approved by the President and the BOD. This Annex and any other SOP assigned to the Treasurer’s office may be modified by the President and/or the BOD at any time by either the President or BOD, provided it does not conflict with any statutes of any state in which the SOA is registered.

Proposed By-Law Changes

Article VI.
H. (Staff Judge Advocate) NEW

Staff Judge Advocate: The Judge Advocate shall be appointed by the President with approval by the Board of Directors by a simple majority vote. The appointee shall:

a. Be a licensed attorney and a member of the Special Operations Association (SOA). He shall serve as the legal advisor for the SOA and to any committees formed by the Board of Directors (BOD) and at the annual SOA Reunion (SOAR), the mid-year meeting of the BOD or at any other time when such legal advice on the Constitution and By-Laws is requested by an officer or member.

b. Make advisory rulings and usage of the Constitution and By-Laws of the SOA. The President shall render decisions, which shall be subject to appeal, to the BOD which shall have the power to rescind or modify. In all such cases the membership at SOAR shall have the power of the final decision.

c. Be the primary legal counsel on all matters of any nature involving contracts of all kinds, lawsuits, or threatened suits involving the SOA. He shall be responsible for making such decisions as are necessary, or for referring such matters to outside legal firms as shall be employed by direction of the President of the SOA with the approval of the BOD.

d. Meet with the BOD whenever the BOD meets or for BOD teleconferences. He shall serve without pay with all of his services to the SOA on a Pro Bono basis. However he shall be reimbursed for all valid travel expenses with approval of the BOD.

Candidates for Election



Jimmy Tong Nguyen
Director

Dear SOA Members,

After the Vietnam war, I was fortunate enough to immigrate to the U. S. as a political refugee. The skills I obtained as an Airborne/Ranger with the ARVN enabled me to overcome obstacles in my new life. I became an American citizen in 1980, and law enforcement officer with the JPSO and the NOPD in Louisiana. In 1987, I was appointed as the New Orleans Mayor's Assistant on Asian/American Affairs. Since 1990, I have traveled nationwide as a contract Vietnamese interpreter/translator for the U.S. District Courts. In 1997, at the SFA Christmas party in Riverside, I was reunited with SOA past president Jack Isler, and later became an SOA member. The bond of friendship and camaraderie has since been re-established. After all, this is what we have left. I was honored to sing "God Bless America" at our 35th and 36th reunions.

Thank you for your votes!

Jimmy Tong Nguyen
SOA# 1374-GL



Mel Hill
Director

In the last two years, the BOD has come together with an absolute commitment to work together on ALL issues that affect the SOA. I am proud to have been a part of this committed staff. If re-elected, I will continue to lend my support, ideas, and time to insure that this Board continues to work for the benefit of the SOA membership. I have no other desire for office than to fulfill my remaining available tenure on the BOD.

Candidates for Election



Sam Todaro
Director

I am a life member of the SOA since 2007 and have made every SOAR meeting since becoming a member. I am also a life member of the Air Commando Association and I am a life member of the Special Forces Association (SFA) and am now serving as Vice President, Chapter 57, the Montagnard Chapter.

I am a life member of Save the Montagnard People (STMP). I have been on their board of directors from 2004 to 2013 with the position of Director. I have been able to assist in helping the Montagnard people maintain their culture and heritage.

I have had experiences with AT&T when I was attached to SUCOM which was General Schwarzkopf's HQ as their communication advisor.

With my experiences, I feel that I can contribute to the running of the Association in an orderly manner and continue to make this the best organization of comrades in arms. I have also volunteered my services to assist in running the SOAR each year for the past five years.

Sam Todaro
M/SGT (Ret)
SOA# 2676-GL

Candidates for Election



Gary O'Neal
Director

Devoting nearly 40 years with the US Army Rangers and Special Forces serving his country and its allies across the world, Chief Warrant Officer Gary Lee O'Neal (Ret) is the stuff of legend - on land, sea, and air. Trained from childhood in the warrior traditions of the Oglala Sioux, Mr. O'Neal epitomizes the spirit of the Ranger and Green Beret.

Awarded the Silver and Bronze Stars during his Vietnam service, Mr. O'Neal refused award of the Purple Heart several times, regarding his wounds as hard-earned learning experiences rather than reason for decoration.

Returning from Vietnam, Mr. O'Neal served with Company B, 75th Rangers and later joined MSG Vladimir Jakovenko on ODA 594, 5th SFG, completing scuba and sub-operations training. Handpicked as one of the first men on DOD's antiterrorist teams (Blue Light), he also shared his expertise in the creation and training of the first Delta teams and was recalled throughout his career to assist the Delta effort.

Retiring in 1996, Mr. O'Neal attended advanced aviation technology school and worked as a military technical advisor for movies and television. Severely injured in a motorcycle accident, he returned to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to recuperate. Asked thereafter to return to Ft. Bragg to train Special Forces recruits, Mr. O'Neal served from 2004 to 2007 as a GS Master Trainer in the world's largest unconventional warfare field exercise (Robin Sage), where his lifelong commitment to training - mind, body, and spirit - has continued to focus on a single purpose: combat readiness.

I believe that I am qualified to be a director and am able to make sound judgments that would make the Special Operations Association run smoothly.

Gary O'Neal
SOA# 2668-GL

Candidates for Election



Pete "Bus" Buscetto **Treasurer**

Since 2011, I have served as Treasurer at the request of the SOA President. Both he and the board handed me a considerable task: Restructure the SOA Treasurer's responsibilities, financial procedures, and SOP. Additionally, the board requested better checks and balances and accountability of the SOA funds, including transparency with regard to all SOA transactions.

Accomplishments include the following since assuming the Treasurer's responsibilities:

- Updated the SOP, Treasurer's Annex C, bringing the SOA into compliance with Texas law, and establishing procedures and accountability for all financial transactions.
- Employed a CPA who reviews all accounting, transactions every month and signs off.
- Posted all tax returns, financial statements, Balance Sheets, Profit and Loss Statements, and both monthly and year to date budgets on the SOA website.
- Established a Planning and Budget committee, which has access to the Wells Fargo bank accounts for review.
- Converted and updated the SOA account system, Quick Books, to a secure online version. This QB version records all transactions in an audit file that cannot be modified.
- Revamped the chart of account in QB, thus allowing detailed recording of income and expenses.
- Created transparency by giving key officers and directors login credentials to SOA accounts; our books are no longer on someone's personal computer and out of sight.
- Eliminated hand written checks, all checks printed with QB, thus are tracked in audit system for additional transparency.

As the position of Treasurer is up for election this year, the President has asked me to officially submit my name for your consideration. I ask for your support and your vote this year to continue serving the SOA as your Treasurer.

Respectfully,
Pete "Bus" Buscetto, CCS Recon

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SECRET GREEN BERET COMMANDOS IN CAMBODIA

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

LTC Fred S. Lindsey, USA (Ret)



About the Book

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

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

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

About the Author

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

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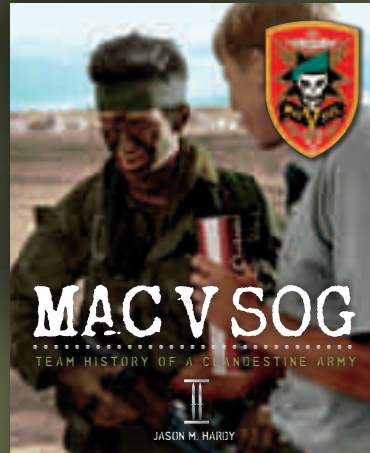
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The Planned Monthly Giving Program has been designed to maximize control for our members while minimizing hassle and involvement. Register just one time, forget about it until you want to make a change.

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

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

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For more information or to have your specific questions answered look for Director Cork Motsett or e-mail him at cork130@gmail.com.

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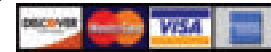
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Takin' Bacon 2013

Charity Hunt Honors Wounded Special Operators

By Joe Sidoti

Photos by Jason Lee Photography

The hunting party didn't have to wait long before their dogs charged into the thick brush, barking as they went. They were hot on the trail of a large wild hog. The hunters were the fittest and bravest men from their group, but they still struggled to keep up with the dogs as they darted through the briars and swamp. Eventually, their bark changed pitch signifying that the hounds were close to their prey. The hunters got a second wind when they saw that the dogs had a large wild boar cornered. The beast thrashed from side to side threatening the dogs and hunters with his large tusks. Carrying only a knife, one of the hunters wrestled forward through a thick tangle of thorns and briars. Balancing speed and caution, the hunter approached the animal from the side and dispatched it with his knife. Hours later, the exhausted hunting party would make it back to camp with several hundred pounds of meat.



Although this hunting tale sounds like it occurred over ten thousand years ago when our ancestors struggled every day for their survival, it didn't. This hog hunt, called Takin' Bacon, happened in February, 2013 in North Caro-

lina. And while long ago the fittest and bravest warriors of the tribe risked their lives for the group, today's hunt is America's way of thanking their fittest and bravest warriors for

risking their lives overseas in the Wars on Terror.

2013 is the third year that Special Operations Wounded Warrior (SOWW) has sponsored a Takin' Bacon hunt. SOWW is an organization that uses charitable outdoor events to recognize soldiers and sailors who were wounded while serving with a Special Operations unit.

Using dogs and primitive weapons to hunt hogs requires teamwork and communication. Unlike other hunting styles where stealth and patience are the name of the game, this method is a true group effort. During the hunt, the guest hunters get to interact with other wounded warriors who have had similar experiences and hardships. The therapeutic effect of re-connecting with other special operators cannot be understated.

Without a doubt the standout moment of the hunt was when a former SEAL named Bo harvested his animal. Less than a year before Takin' Bacon, Bo lost both his legs to an IED in Afghanistan during a reconnaissance patrol. His injury has not stopped him from pursuing his love for sports and the outdoors. When it was Bo's turn to get a hog, another guest hunter, Chris, was there to assist him. Chris took shrapnel from same blast that took Bo's legs, and both SEALs had to be evacuated. The two teammates had not seen each other since Chris was discharged from Walter Reed hospital, where Bo remained for treatment.

With a hog cornered about 300 yards from the nearest dirt road, Chris carried Bo through the swamp to the animal. On his own, Bo closed the distance the final few

feet and harvested the animal. With team work and tenacity these two wounded warriors once again accomplished their mission. It was an emotional moment for everyone.



For Bo, it was one of the many times that he has overcome his injury and continued to succeed and pursue the things he loves. For Chris and Bo, it was the high point of their first reunion since they were injured. For the hunt organizers, it's moments like these that

make the long hours of preparation worth it. For the rest of us, it's a motivating example of brotherhood and the will to succeed. Even though special operators like Bo, Chris, and the other hunters have made a career out of overcoming obstacles and over-achieving, they still continue to surprise us.

Bo and Chris would probably feel a little self-conscious to see their hunt in print. By nature, Special Operators are silent professionals who avoid the spotlight. When planning Takin' Bacon, SOWW organizers found that many wounded SOF warriors were reluctant to take a free hunt. None of these guys were looking for any attention or sympathy. Statements like, "I was just doing my job," and "other guys are worse off than me" were common. The idea of an individual award seems silly when everything they do—every success or failure—is as a team. Fortunately, the hunt organizers were able to break down this reluctance and get these heroes to let Americans show them a small sign of our appreciation.

About the author:

Joe Sidoti served three years in 1st Ranger Bn. He is an eleven year veteran with a major metropolitan police department in Ohio. In addition to his patrol duties, he also serves on the SWAT and Sniper Teams.

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Lou DeSeta finds an old friend
Washington, DC



Chet "Zabo" Zaborowski and Charles "Red" Lawson hold the SOA banner
at the SOA Riders ceremony.

SOA Riders Ride to the Wall

Old memories, new friends, and Gambler falls flat. SOA Riders Director Larry Trimble reports on their fourth annual ride to benefit Operation Brightlight and to honor those who paid the ultimate price.

DAY 1

Friday 10 May 2013, Shasta, CA. Susan and I began making the final preparations. We packed all items that would be needed on the trip - drinking water, "Ride to the Wall" T-shirts, flags - along with many other logistical items. By late afternoon we had everything packed in the truck and bike trailer. Our plan was to leave from Skunk/Works Dyno & Performance Center in Redding, California, the next morning.

The Skunk/Works Bike Shop is owned by Donnie and Teri Miller who have had a Motorcycle Poker Run in Honor of "Operation Brightlight" the past two years and have collected nearly \$2,600.00 in donations for the Brightlight fund.

For the past two years Donnie has donated a biker flag to be placed with the wreath. This year the flag had been at Donnie's shop for a month or so to be signed by anyone who wanted to write their name in memory of those who paid the ultimate



Bob Tate makes a new friend
Washington, DC



Suntana and Susan fix the flat Nevada desert



L to R: Jim Stoddard, Bill Browder, Todd Teel, Luke Emanuel, Larry Trimble Wellington, CO



L to R: Spike Eskins, Bill & Michelle Werther, Susan Trimble Columbia, MO

price.

**DAY 2
Saturday, 11 May 2013,
Shasta, CA, 6:30 am.**

Our first day on the road. We left our home with coffee and donuts in hand, headed for Donnie's bike shop. Donnie and a few other riders rode in at about 6:45 am to wish us well. A little after 7:00 am we headed out. One of Donnie's employees, Suntana, was riding with us to Elko, NV in support of the SOA Riders and Operation Brightlight. I was riding point, Susan with truck and trailer in the middle, and Suntana was riding tail gunner. Our first day's RON was about 500 miles away.

Everything was going fine when we had a blowout on the trailer. Right in the middle of the Nevada desert. The temperature was only 105 degrees. With Suntana's help we were able to get the spare tire on and get back on the road in about 45 minutes. We stopped in Winnemucca, NV and managed to find a tire shop open and got a new spare. Due to time and a hard day we decided to spend the night in Winnemucca. After a nice dinner with Suntana we said our farewells and wished each other good luck.

**DAY 3
Sunday, 12 May 2013,
Winnemucca, NV, 5:00 am.** One hundred miles

to make up from the day before. Our objective was Rawlins, WY. We did not have any riders to pick up and there were only 467 miles separating Rawlins from us. After 200 miles we had another blowout on the trailer. I told Susan "no sweat" as I had had my training on tire changing the day before. While we didn't break any NASCAR pit crew speed records, we were back on the road in about 20 minutes. The rest of the day passed without a hitch and we rolled into Rawlins around 5:30 PM.

**DAY 4
Monday, 13 May 2013,
Rawlins, NV, 7:30 am.** SOA Rider Jim Stoddard had invited us to stop by his house in Wellington, CO for lunch. Time to get on the road!

When we got close to Wellington, SOA Rider Luke Emanuel met us on the road and led us to Jim's house. It was good to see old friends.

Luke Emanuel took the lead and showed us a bypass around Denver. This saved us a lot of time and around 100 miles. After arriving at Route 70 we said our thanks and good-bye to Luke and headed out to make our RON objective in Colby, KS.

So far the weather had been very good, but we had tornadoes developing around

us as we drove into Kansas. Fortunately, the weather held on in our favor and we arrived safely. Talk about good luck!

**DAY #5
Tuesday, 14 May 2013,
Columbia, MO, 3:00 pm.**

We had good weather all the way into Missouri and got to our motel mid-afternoon. Here we picked up our first rider, SOA Rider Spike Eskins from Frisco, TX. This was Spike's first ride with SOA Riders; it was good to have him aboard.

SOA Rider Bill Werther and wife Michelle drove up from their home in Protem, MO. It was great to have them spend the evening with us.

**DAY 6
Wednesday, 15 May 2013,
Columbia, MO, 7:00 am.**

With Spike bringing up the rear, we headed out. We changed routes in Saint Louis to Illinois I-64, on our way to pick up two more riders and another trailer in Mt. Vernon, IL (Hwy 57 & 64, road marker 95). We arrived at the rendezvous point and met up with Tom Collier and his wife, Sherry, and SOA Rider Amor "Red" Surgenor.

After doing our introductions we had a bite to eat, took some pictures, and got back on the road. We arrived at our motel around 6:00 p.m. SOA Rider Tom Carrell and wife Mary, SOA Riders Bob

Strange, Bob Gullett, Ron Gravett, Bob Tate, and his friend Red were waiting for us in the parking lot out back.

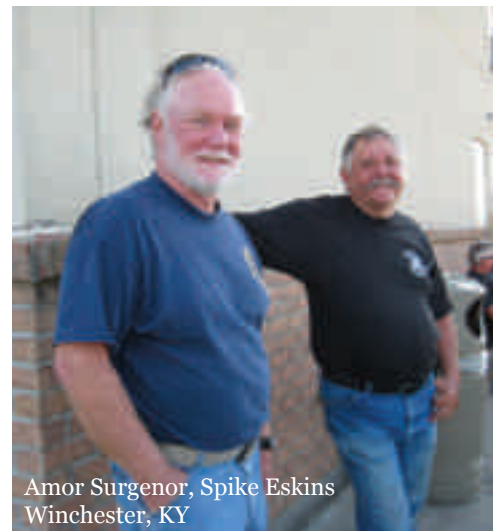
We took a few pictures, had a beer, etc., talked about the next day's ride, and took up a collection for the toll roads the next day. To make it easy, the first bike would pay all bike tolls.

Bob Strange took up a collection and ordered pizzas delivered to the motel. That was good, kept us from having to go out to eat. It was a great time seeing everyone again and making new friends.

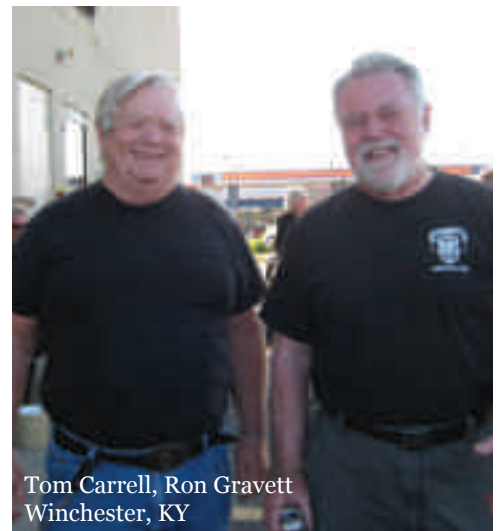
**DAY 7
Thursday, 16 May 2013,
Winchester, KY, 7:00 am.**

On the road after a safety briefing. We now had 10 SOA Riders along with four guest riders and three trailers. Was a nice day for a ride and what a beautiful area, the mountains were great. We rode 300 or so miles and right before we got to our RON for the night we ran into some heavy rain. Pulled over to put on rain gear and to put a vehicle with GFI as lead so we would not miss our turn off for the motel.

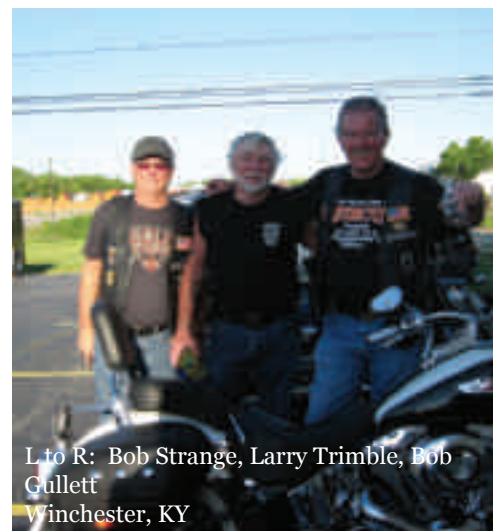
SOA Rider Johnnie Haynes and his wife Evelyn were waiting for us when we arrived. Everyone met out front to clean the bikes, talk about the day's ride and have



Amor Surgenor, Spike Eskins
Winchester, KY



Tom Carrell, Ron Gravett
Winchester, KY



L to R: Bob Strange, Larry Trimble, Bob
Gullett
Winchester, KY



Rider Safety Briefing
Winchester, KY

a cold beer. Talked to Bob Tate to see how he was doing and inspect the new “trike” he’s riding. It was a great evening.

**DAY 8
Friday, 17 May 2013,
Waynesboro, VA, 7:00**

am. After the day’s safety briefing, we got on the road. Only 100 miles to go to our rendezvous motel.

We got separated in Charlottesville, VA, but we got back together before we got to our motel in Stafford, VA.

When we arrived at the Comfort Inn Quantico, I checked in with the manager, Mrs. Ann Richardson. She said she would have our rooms made up by noon. She also told me she had made contact with the police station and that they would make extra checks to make sure our bikes were okay that night. I thanked her and said that we would be out back cleaning our bikes, taking photos, and doing other things in prep the next day; she said she would get some old towels and pails of water to clean our bikes.

Most of the riders and guests had checked into the motel the day before and were starting to gather out back by the bikes. The camaraderie was great, friendships were being made and brothers in arms were together again for our fourth annual ride.

We now had 23 SOA Riders, four guest riders and 10 other guests for our annual SOA Riders Motorcycle Ride, including Bob Strange’s two sons, Douglas and Graig.

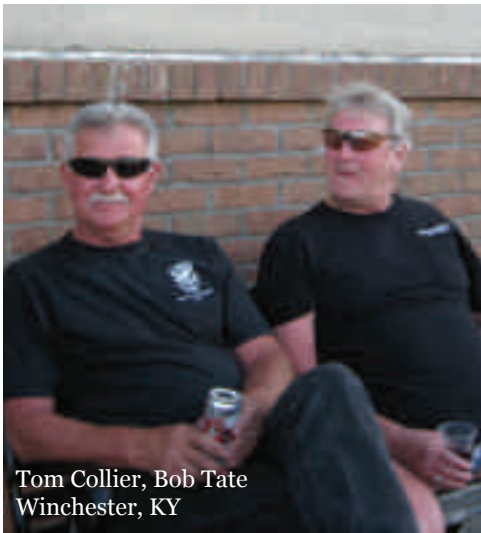
Around 3:00 p.m., most all riders gathered in the motel conference room for our pre-ride meeting. We presented Ann Richardson with a certificate of appreciation and a bouquet of flowers. She was very surprised.

We also presented knives (replica of the issue knife to Special Forces in Viet Nam) to Tom Carrell and Tom Collier for their strong support of Operation Brightlight and to their ladies a bouquet of roses for all their work in Operation Brightlight these past three years. We also presented a replica Special Forces knife to Bud Masterson and roses to Katrina (his wife) for all their hard work in getting the BBQ, motel, and other items together for our trip this year.

After all the festivities, SOA Rider Bud Masterson (our Ride Captain) gave a safety briefing for the next day’s “Ride to the Wall.”

**DAY 9
Saturday 15 May 2010,
Stafford, VA, 7:00 am.
ARMED FORCES DAY.**

All riders and guests were up and getting ready for “Ride to the Wall.” The sun was out and it was a great day. We



Tom Collier, Bob Tate
Winchester, KY



Prime parking on Constitution Ave.
Washington, DC

had 3 chase vehicles driven by Mary Carrell, Vickie Gravett and Richard Dioguardi (Grave Digger). These vehicles took all people who were not on a bike, and one carried our wreath, flag, and carnations that were to be placed at the Wall.

The ride was around an hour and when we arrived in Washington, DC, Bud Masterson found a good parking place for all the bikes on a side street near Constitution Ave. across from the Viet Nam Memorial Wall. The chase vehicles parked right near the bikes. The group walked to the Wall, and while we waited a few minutes for the wreath and flag to arrive, I asked SOA Rider Bob Gullett if he would be one of the SOA Riders to place the wreath. I then asked one of our guest riders Charles "Red" Lawson, (Bob Zaborowski's brother) to be the other person to place the wreath. Bob and Red both said it would be an honor.

Everyone was now gathered so I called attention. Bob and Red stood next to the wreath, the flag was wrapped around it in respect. I said a few words of honor for those who paid the price, we gave a hand salute, order arms, and had a moment of silent prayer for our fallen brothers and all those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Civilians at the Wall were very

courteous and gave us time to honor our comrades in arms. All of us at the Wall had lost close friends in combat. It was a hard few minutes, but I know that this was a time that none of us will soon forget. As we stood there thinking about all our friends on the Wall, it was also a moment to reflect on how fortunate we are to be here to honor these heroes' past. I asked all the riders to share a few minutes with their own thoughts.

We got back to the motel safely and then we headed out for BBQ. When we arrived, Katrina had everything in order and she made us feel at home. The food was great. Bud and Katrina had even set up a very nice MIA/POW table. Bud and Katrina were excellent hosts and we thanked them for the a great time.

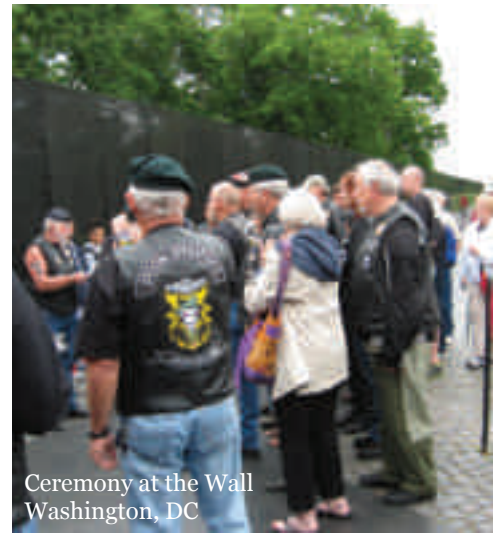
I cannot thank everyone enough for their help in making this a ride to remember.

All you SOA Riders that couldn't be with us were missed and we hope after this great weekend our numbers will grow and the next ride will be just as good, if not better

Take care. As always, ride hard, ride safe and let your spirit SOAR with the eagles.



At attention: Charles "Red" Lawson and Bob Gullett place the wreath Washington, DC



Ceremony at the Wall Washington, DC



A few moments alone... Washington, DC

Taps In Memory Of

Once again it is with deep regret that the Board of Directors announces the names of members who have died since our last reported losses were reflected in the PRP published for SOAR XXXVI.

Please Note: Full obituaries provided by families and friends are posted on the SOA web site as soon as they are received. Each member listed in this publication whose obituary we received has been posted and is available for viewing. Please also note the number of members with barely minimal information provided below or on the web site; this is why the Next of Kin Notification forms are so important to the Association. If you haven't done so already, please fill in the form and return it as soon as possible.

Finally, if you would like to provide an Obituary for a friend, please coordinate with his family and with their permission you may submit it for publication on the web. In many cases it is a member's team members who know most of his military service, especially his combat service, and these are memories the family may very much treasure if offered.

**RONALD HENRY "TEX"
HOUSTON**

SOA #2288, SSG, USA, passed away May 27, 2013. He was a member of the 5th SFGA during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his only daughter. Tex was a member of the SOA/SFA, he was a decorated SOG veteran receiving his CIB and Purple Heart and other awards for valor and achievement.

**RONALD DARWIN "RAGS"
WINGO**

SOA #273, CW3, US Army (Ret), passed away May 13, 2013. He was a member of the 1st SFGA on Okinawa and served several TDY tours in Vietnam with MACVSOG and 5th SFGA. Ron is survived by his wife of 46 years, Fumiko, three children, Brett, Katharine and Linda, two brothers and five grandchildren.

WILLIAM A. CURRY, III

SOA #147, passed away April 20, 2013. He served with MACVSOG, RT New Hampshire in CCC during the period 1970-71.

STEPHEN G. FILIPETTI

SOA #398, passed away April 7, 2013. He served with B56 (SIGMA). Steve had five brothers and sisters: Kathy (Filipetti) Hill, Suzanne Filipetti, Joyce Filipetti, Brian Filipetti and Kenneth Filipetti (Joyce's twin) who passed away in 2003. Steve is survived by his wife, Bobbie. Steve was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V device for Valor & Purple Heart.

PAUL F. CAMPBELL

SOA #409, passed away April 1, 2013. He served with the 5th Group 1966-67 and '69-

70) and as well as multiple other SF assignments before his retirement.

THOMAS F. SMITH

SOA #138, SFC, US Army (Ret), passed away March 23, 2013. He served on Special Forces "A" Teams and was an early member of the Studies and Operations Group. Thomas was a life member of both the Special Operations Association and Special Forces Association.

MICHAEL J. PHELAN, JR.

SOA #1598, LTC, US Army (Ret), passed away March 14th, 2013. He was assigned to 1st SFGA on Okinawa with several TDY tours to MACV-SOG. He was awarded the Legion of Merit, CIB, Bronze Star and the Vietnam Service Medal with nine campaign stars. He was preceded in

death by his wife of 22 years, Patricia, and brother James Phelan. He is survived by his beloved partner, Joan McDermitt, a former US Army Nurse whom he met in Vietnam; two daughters, Kelly Bellers and husband Mike; Heather O'Dell and three grandchildren.

WILLIAM "BILL" TERRELL TIBBIT

SOA #78, CPT, US Army (Ret), passed away on March 9, 2013. William served 3 tours in Vietnam. He was awarded two Purple Hearts. Bill is survived by daughter Kim and husband, Jimmy Simmons; two sons, Terrell Jr. and his wife, Denise, and William "Tyler", one brother Bob and his wife, Rosie, one granddaughter and one grandson.

NORMAN ALLEN DONEY

SOA #665, CSM, US Army (Ret), passed away February 20, 2013. He served on a "White Star" Mobile Training Team (MTT), two (2) tours with B-52, "Project Delta", a tour with MACV-SOG at CCC, Kontum, and a tour with Special Mission Advisory Group (SMAG). His decorations include the Silver Star, 8 Bronze Star Medals (Unknown mix of Service and with V Device for Valor), Purple Heart, CIB, 4 Presidential Unit Citations, Master Parachutist Badge and the Vietnam Service Medal with 12 Campaign Stars. He was a

member of both the Special Forces Association and Special Operations Association. He is survived by his wife Hazel Patricia (Patti), three sons, and two daughters.

KENNETH MOYER

SOA #1985, MSG, US Army (Ret), passed away February 11, 2013. He served in MACVSOG on two occasions: He was a member of both the Special Operations Association and the Special Forces Association. His decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, ARCOM with V Device for Valor, CIB, and Master Parachutist Badge. He is survived by his wife Emiko (Amy), two sons, Mark and John, one daughter, Paula, and four grandchildren.

ROBERT L. CAVANAUGH

SOA #75, passed away January 30, 2013.

REGIS H. MURPHY, JR.

SOA #2657, passed away January 15, 2013.

WILLIAM G. BOWLES

SOA #3041, SGM, US Army (Ret) passed away December 8, 2012. He served with "White Star", MACVSOG and 5th SFGA in Vietnam. His decorations include the Purple Heart and CIB. He was preceded in death by his daughter and wife Erma. He is survived by a stepson and stepdaughter.

JAMES P. MONAGHAN

SOA #27, Captain, US Army, (Ret) passed away on December 7, 2012. He served with the 1st SFGA Okinawa in Vietnam (A-421 Plei Mrong 1963, A-422 Ashau Valley 1964 and with the 5th SFGA III Corps Mike Force A-302 1966). His decorations include the Silver Star, Soldier's Medal, Purple Heart with two OLC, ARCOM with V Device, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, CIB, Vietnamese Service Medal with six campaign stars, Master Parachutist Badge, SCUBA Badge, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star, and Vietnam Parachute Badge. He is survived by his former spouse Marie, two daughters, Helen and Patricia, two granddaughters, and one great granddaughter.

ROBERT WILLIAM DEWEY

SOA #695, MSG, US Army (Ret), passed away on December 1, 2012. He served during WWII, Korea and in Vietnam earning the Combat Medical Badge and the Bronze Star. He was a member of both the Special Forces Association and the Special Operations Association. Robert is survived by his wife Sirion, three children, and one stepson.

WARREN E. (ED) FISLER

SOA #1933, MSG, USA (Ret) passed away November 15, 2012. He served with 5th SFGA Project Gamma and

B-53. He was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal and 16 other medals, ribbons and citations, including the CIB, Master Parachutist Badge, Scuba Badge, Special Forces Tab and five foreign parachute badges.

KENNETH F. KUBASIK

SOA #874, passed away November 15, 2012.

ARMANDO A CANALES

SOA #980, SGM, USA (Ret) passed away October 30, 2012.

DAVID RAY ROBINSON

SOA #2584, passed away October 27, 2012. He served in MACVSOG with RT Bushmaster and Oregon and as NKP medic.

JOHN FLANAGAN

SOA #1887, BG, USAF (Ret) passed away October 21, 2012. He served as a Forward Air Controller supporting SOG units in close combat. He was awarded the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, 12 Air Medals and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. John is survived by his wife, Mari Jo, two daughters, Regina and Monica, his stepson, Lt. Colonel Nathan Scopac and four grandchildren.

GIL APODACA

SOA #88, passed away on October 12, 2012. He served in MACVSOG. Gil is survived by his wife Tencha and three children, Michael, Gil and Cindy, three brothers, Gus, Alfred, and Jerry, two sisters Mary and Nancy, six grandchildren and five great grandchildren

MAURICE T. "RED" DAVIS

SOA # 2160, passed away October 11, 2012. Red is survived by his wife Nancy, and six sons, Trow, Pete, Chris, Jack, Shawn and Jeff, 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Sick Call

The following members have been reported ill, undergoing medical treatment or recovering from surgery:

William Shelton
SOA # 890-GL

Earl Broussard
SOA # 2011-GA

F. M. Ritchie
SOA # 734-GL

Ola Lee Mize
SOA # 1257-GL

Lee Dunlap
SOA # 559-GL

Arthur T. Fields
SOA # 310-GL

Earle L. Petty, Jr.
SOA # 159-GL

Mike Taylor
SOA #

Raymond Calafell
SOA # 2878-HL

Jon R. Cavaiani
SOA # 1000-GI (MOH)

Roger Donlon
SOA # 110-HL (MOH)

Frank Quinn
SOA # 1451-GL

Alva Owen
SOA # 2076

Make a phone call or send an e-mail to one of your comrades-in-arms today wishing them a speedy recovery.

**George C Morton
Scholarship Grant Program
Midyear Report
(April 2013)**

Recipient Status:

- Two Class of 2013 students, Christina L. Sincere and Lindsay Brooke Pease, are finishing their final semester this year.
- Four Class of 2014 students, Kirsten J. Ballard, Max Kieff, Tayler Marie Edwards and Marci Lee Moes, remain in the program. While Ms. Ballard remains in the program, she is on suspension from the program this semester due to failure to maintain the required GPA last semester and overall. By suspension, she has forfeited her stipend for the current semester. If she does not improve her GPA to program standards this semester, in accordance with the rules she will be dropped from the program.
- Two Class of 2015 students, Sloan Elizabeth Shank and Bailey Alexandra Oas remain in the program.
- Three Class of 2016 students, Andrea Deuschle, Lynsey Anttila and Danielle Susan Edwards, are new recipients this year.
- Eleven scholarship recipients therefore are currently active and remain eligible in the program after this semester. The following is an overview of recipients by class:

Seniors	2
Juniors	4
Sophomores	2
Freshmen	3

The eligible ten scholarship recipients have been sent checks for the 2013 Spring Semester.

2013 Financials:

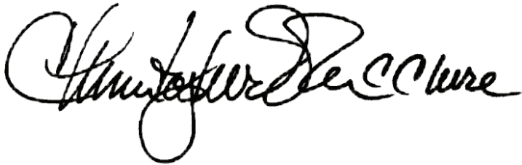
- The SOA's total outstanding scholarship obligation at this time is \$32,500. The following is the current outstanding liability by class:

Seniors (Class of 2013)	\$ 0
Juniors (Class of 2014)	\$ 6,500
Sophomores (Class of 2015)	\$ 8,000
Freshmen (Class of 2016)	\$18,000
Total	\$32,500

- Available funds in the designated scholarship accounts are indicated in the current Treasurer's Report.

Summary:

Current scholarship value for four years is \$8,000. Stipend checks will be \$1,000 per semester for this year's recipients, for a total scholarship value of \$8,000 per recipient. This represents the increased stipend level that began with the class scholarship application cycle in 2011. This level of expense does not apply to earlier recipients noted, whose stipends remain at \$750 per semester. It is recommended that the current total scholarship value be maintained for the new scholarship awards, beginning in Fall 2014, for a total scholarship value of \$8,000 per recipient. The amount of available funds for award is based upon the amount raised, less program expenses, between the previous two SOAR's (for the 2014 academic year's awards, that means from the end of SOAR 2011 through the end of SOAR 2012), with award recommendations being limited by that amount, plus additional funds as authorized by the SOA Board. Some cushion has been maintained by students occasionally not remaining in the program, for one reason or another, by suspension for academic reasons, by not awarding full four year scholarships to advanced-standing students, and by not having an "even" amount for scholarships or by not having enough applicants for the amount raised in the previous year. This "cushion" enables us to have the flexibility to award additional scholarship money in any given year to deserving recipients. The program remains fiscally sound.



Christopher E. McClure, AIA
Scholarship Committee Chairman

7/26/2012

Special Operations Association
Special Operations Association Scholarship Grant
349 Vista Marazul
Oceanside, CA 92057

Dear Mr. John S. Meyer and Special Operations Association members,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my family and myself to thank you for selecting me as a recipient of the Special Operations Association grant in memory of SGT David Ives Mixter. I am very humbled and honored that I have been chosen to receive such a selective and generous grant of \$2000 per year for four years.

I plan on pursuing my studies in biology as a Pre-Dental major at Adrian College in Michigan. After undergraduate studies I plan to apply to the University of Iowa's School of Dentistry. Having been through many traumas as a child with my teeth, I believe I would like to become an orthodontist and help other children to feel confident with their smile. In the future I also would like to pursue a position as a team dentist for an NHL hockey team such as the Detroit Red Wings.

By awarding me this generous 8000 dollars over the course of four years of undergraduate studies, you have helped lighten my financial burden which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school, learning. My aspirations are high, but it is comforting to know that there are great people and organizations in the world that are there to help young minds prosper in their education. Thank you again for selecting me as a recipient of the Special Operations Association grant. The old saying rings in my head here, "You have not lived until you have helped someone who can never repay you." There is no price on an education but I hope one day, I have the chance to repay my debt and help other aspiring young minds.

Sincerely,



Andrea Deuschle
632 Valley Dr.
Rossford, OH 43460



UDT-SEAL Association achieves 501 (c) (19), Veteran Service Organization status

Good news from the Officers, Board of Directors, (BoD), and Staff of the UDT-SEAL Association! We have received our letter of determination from the Internal Revenue Service, (IRS) for status as a 501 (c) (19) Veterans Service Organization, (VSO), with the added caveat to receive tax-deductible contributions. Corporations and affluent philanthropists who have, in the past, expressed a strong desire to contribute to the Association have stood by for us to achieve our tax-deductible status and our Employee Identification Number, (EIN), 23-7088225.

What does this mean to our membership? It means that as a bona fide VSO, we are able to provide additional membership benefits that heretofore were not available...until now. Like the Veterans of Foreign War, (VFW), the Special Operations Association, the Special Forces Association and dozens of other VSOs, we are able to provide benefits to our members that were not available in the past. All of this, however, hinges on the amount of support we receive through charitable contributions. We remain hugely optimistic.

We received our letter of determination on Tuesday, 05 February 2013, which is retroactive from August of 2012 when the IRS received our package for consideration. The Board of Directors conducted its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 13 February to discuss our future course of action to determine how we will move forward with this. The BoD agreed to the following pillars, or, foundational objectives as to how we will conduct Association business in support of our membership:

Membership Support

-Membership Support Programs we currently provide our membership:

Members Life Assistance Program (MLAP) – MLAP is the primary source of support for our veteran members. MLAP was begun in 2009 as a Veterans Administration, (VA), and Social Security Administration, (SSA), advocacy program to assist our members who are no longer on active duty or who are soon to be leaving active duty service with their VA claims. So far, MLAP has assisted over 300 of our members in this effort. As a 501 (c) (19) VSO, we are looking at expanding our MLAP capabilities by maintaining permanent points of contact located in both the Norfolk, VA and San Diego, CA areas as well as trained up VA Service Officers in all of our 23 Chapters located throughout the country.

-Membership Support Programs we are hoping to provide our membership in the near future:

Life Insurance – We are looking into providing all Regular and Associate members of the UDT-SEAL Association with full term life insurance, free of charge or at significantly discounted rates. Each policy will tentatively be available in the amount of \$5,000.00 to assist the family of any member who has passed on.

Emergency Assistance – In the event that any of our members are in an untenable life situation, the Association is investigating ways to provide assistance to the member and their family on a case-by-case basis utilizing the network of benevolent organizations we maintain contact with as well as with emergency funds to aid during time critical situations. Through constant contact with our beleaguered member, we will work with, and ascertain the support required to assist our member in need.

Scholarships and Educational Assistance

-Educational programs we currently provide our membership:

Scholarships – The Association has had a long standing Scholarship Program offered to the dependents of our Regular and Associate Members who have remained members for 3 consecutive years prior to the year that the application is submitted, and have paid dues for the application year.

-Educational programs we are hoping to provide our membership in the near future:

Educational Assistance – Partnering with other benevolent organizations, the Association will assist in providing educational assistance to include; but not limited to: tutoring, counseling and educational assessment testing to our membership NSW veterans' no longer on active duty.

History, Heritage, and Esprit de Corps

Blast Publication – The Journal of Naval Special Warfare is published to educate, and inform members of the Association on current events regarding the Naval Special Warfare community. Additionally, articles appearing in The Blast commemorate the history of Naval Special Warfare as well as the Memory of Team personnel who have given their lives in defense of our Nation.

Annual East and West Coast Reunions - These time honored events are conducted to join for social camaraderie and encourage, every member of the UDT-SEAL Association toward a closer, personal relationship and friendly spirit of mutual cooperation. An annual business meeting is conducted during the East Coast Reunion. Our future aim is to conduct ALL reunion events “free of charge” to our members.

Maintaining our status as a 501 (c) (19) VSO

Although achieving our letter of determination to become a 501 (c) (19) VSO turned out to be less complicated than we expected, maintaining this status will be the real challenge for all of us. In order for the Association to receive tax deductible donations/gifts from benevolent organizations and individual donors, federal law and IRS regulations deem that our organization maintain 90% war time veterans within the ranks of our membership. Right now, the majority of our wartime veterans are made up of those who served in NSW, or in support of NSW, during the Vietnam War. We need to ensure that we maintain at least 90% of wartime veterans within our membership.

How do we do that? We increase the number of Regular and Associate Members who are presently serving on active duty and those who have served in NSW since 11 September 2001. Our Regular membership is made up solely of Frogmen; those who have served as operators in S&R, NCDU, OSS Maritime Unit, UDT, SEAL Team and SDV Teams. Our Associate membership is made up of our Special Warfare Combatant Craft (SWCC) operators and Support Technicians crucial to NSW operations worldwide. All of our Regular and Associate members are Veterans and make up the brunt of our total membership. We need to maintain that membership and grow it through clear communications to our membership as well as interaction between our current members and those who would become members. At this time, the Association has the lowest percentage of members currently serving on active duty. We need to beef up our membership ranks from the active duty side because it will help us pad our 90% wartime veterans’ numbers.

Although the UDT-SEAL Association has successfully transitioned to a Veterans Service Organization, our focus is on our members who have served honorably in the NSW Community. With that being said, we are proud and honored to interact with other VSOs with like-minded objectives that help to benefit ALL Veterans and their families.

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Col Robert C. Howard, US Army Special Forces, CCC, Hatchet Force Rescue (Most decorated serviceman in U.S. History, submitted for the MOH three times in 13 months and appearing on the cover of the Green Beret Magazine October 1969). NOTE: Colonel Howard passed away on 23 December 2009.

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

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

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

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

PRINT IMAGES

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

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

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

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

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

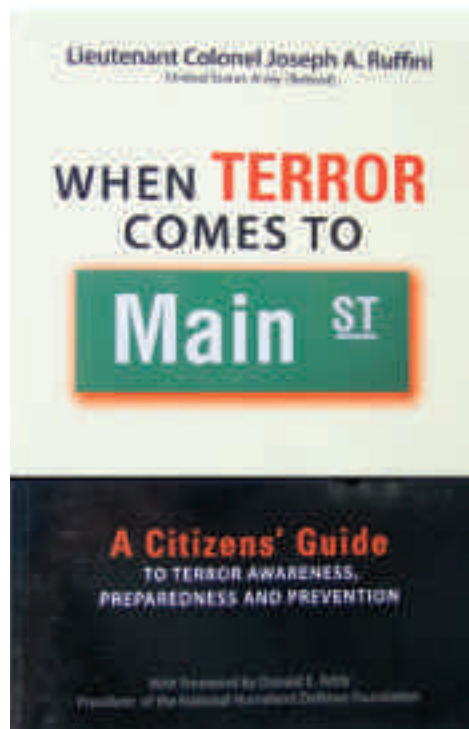
Lower Right: A Navy SEAL Recon Team.

WHEN TERROR COMES TO MAIN STREET
by LTC (Ret) JOE RUFFINI

This is a book that should and must be read by everyone - absolutely EVERYONE. Now, more than ever, America has to wake up to the very real threat of TERRORISM and no book has ever been written in a way that makes all aspects of that threat, and what every person can and should be doing, easier to comprehend than *When Terror Comes to Main Street*. In view of the fact that our government has failed completely to engage in any sort of “national terrorism awareness effort” through a public information campaign, this must be accomplished from the ground up, by alerting and informing every single citizen. If the government will not then we must. This book not only accomplishes this, but does it tremendously well. A point that the author Joe Ruffini makes is that the duty of preparing ourselves, defending our country, and protecting our homes and loved ones, falls on the shoulders of each and every one of us. Even for folks who are well-versed in terrorism, this book is a great resource and a veritable encyclopedia of information. It must be read thoroughly by every civic leader, politician, member of Congress, law enforcement official, school superintendent, school board member, teacher, parent, and citizen. Anyone who reads it will agree and be willing to shoulder the duty of implementing the many - and easy - steps the book outlines on how we can make America safer from this threat. A threat that is not going to go away in our lifetimes.

We respectfully request each of you take the time to read what we consider to be the perfect “Citizen’s Guide to Terror Awareness, Preparedness, and Prevention.” We would hope that after you have read this book, you will share it with all of your family and friends.

THANK YOU.





SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

NEXT OF KIN

TO: All SOA Members:

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

SOA MEMBER:

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*SOA Number: _____

NEXT-OF-KIN:

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Last Name: _____
First Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip+Four: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
E-mail: _____

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*Required Information.
DISPATCH TO:

SECRETARY, SOA
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24782 Rochelle Lane
Lake Forest, CA 92630-3241
Zack4000@cox.net



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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Tshirt, Black w/SOA Red Shield left chest S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$14.00	___	_____
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