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Office of the Governor

GREETINGS FROM THE GOVERNOR

October, 2014

As Governor of Nevada, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the Special Operations Association 38th Reunion Banquet at The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. I would like to thank all of you who have worked tirelessly on putting this successful event together.

The Special Operations Association, established in 1977, is a Veteran's fraternal organization of past and present American and Allied military special operations in a combat environment. The missions these members supported or in which they personally participated, were deep inside hostile territory in a combat capacity. The State of Nevada is proud of your outstanding example of selflessness and courage, and we convey our thanks for your exceptional contributions to our nation's security and stability.

I congratulate everyone who has made this gathering possible. To all veterans present here today, on behalf of the State of Nevada, we thank you for your service, we honor you, and may God bless each and every one of you.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brian Sandoval".

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

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*From the Office of
Mayor Carolyn G. Goodman*

**Special Operations Association Reunion
October 20 - 24, 2014
Las Vegas, Nevada**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the citizens of the great City of Las Vegas, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 38th Reunion Banquet being held on October 23, 2014, at The Orleans Hotel & Casino. It is through the hard work and dedication of many people that a special event such as this is made possible.

There is no greater cause than serving your country and the brave men and women who have done so, have helped to promote freedom and democracy throughout the world.

I hope that this reunion will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with old friends, hopefully make new ones, and share that special bond that each of you has had with one another in service to our country.

Again, welcome to fabulous Las Vegas! Best wishes for an enjoyable stay in our fine City.

Sincerely,

Carolyn G. Goodman
Mayor, City of Las Vegas

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Fellow SOA Members,

June 1, 2014

I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at The Orleans in Las Vegas for SOAR XXXVIII where we'll commemorate the beginning of the secret war conducted under the Aegis of the Military Assistance Command Vietnam – Studies and Observations Group 50 years ago.

One of the most enjoyable aspects of attending SOAR is seeing the comrades-in-arms who ran missions across the fence and the fearless aviators who supported SOG missions during the eight-year secret war.

Last year's reunion epitomized that sentiment when A-1 Skyraider pilots and ground crew members from Operating Location Alpha Alpha brought their photos and stories of supporting SOG to SOAR. I want to thank Don Engebretsen for being the point man on bringing OLAA men to SOAR XXXVII.

The camaraderie between ground pounders and the brave airmen who flew support on SOG missions continues to improve thanks to efforts such as Don's. They'll be back this year with a special presentation that will be made during the reunion.

Meanwhile, the business of running the SOA moves forward with the annual SOA election. This year the positions up for election are: president, vice president and one director's seat, currently held by Director Cork Motsett, who is not seeking reelection. We have two candidates running for vice president, and two men running for Director Motsett's seat. Former SOA vice president and director Rick Estes is the sole candidate running for president. As Rick is the only candidate running for president I shall begin incorporating him in SOA Board of Directors meetings, e-mail traffic and on any briefings regarding SOA matters or members to insure a smooth transition to Rick's tenure as SOA president.

Please take a moment to review the candidates' statements and to place your ballot in the mail. Last year, only 199 SOA members submitted ballots for the election. I hope we have better participation this year.

As I write this letter, many SOA members are returning from the 7th Special Forces Group (Abn.) headquarters at Eglin AFB, Fla., where SOA member and SOG One-Zero Pat Watkins received a Distinguished Service Cross for valor during the morning of Aug. 23, 1968 when FOB 4 in Da Nang was attacked during a well-planned sapper attack. Seventeen Green Berets were killed in action – the highest death toll in SF history.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as the SOA president for three years.

Respectfully,

John S. Meyer - SOA President

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Seeking Bright Light Candidates

Fellow SOA Members,

July 2014

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, 27 SOA members and three family members have been assisted at some level of monetary consideration by this program thanks again to the generosity of the SOA membership in general and the SOA Riders specifically.

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Respectfully submitted,

SOA Operation Brightlight Committee

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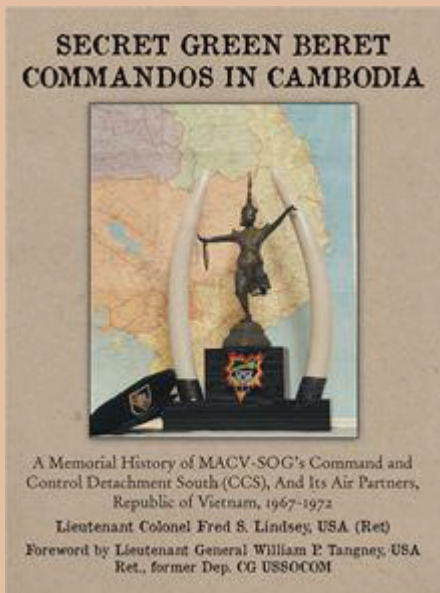
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SECRET GREEN BERET COMMANDOS IN CAMBODIA

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

LTC Fred S. Lindsey, USA (Ret)



About the Book

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

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

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

About the Author

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

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Special Operations Association
Reunion Information

- What: SOAR XXXVIII
When: 20-24 October 2014
Where: The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 West Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-5420 Phone: 800 675-3267
www.orleanscasino.com/Groups
- Group Code: A4SOC10 (Alpha-Four-Sierra-Oscar-Charlie-One-Zero)
Give this code to the hotel when making reservations.
- Accommodations: Room rates and availability 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 2014.
- Hospitality Suite: Located on the 2nd floor of the Orleans Hotel and Casino.
Signs will be posted.
- SOAR ID Badges: When you check-in, you will receive ID badges for you and your guests.
Badges must be displayed at all SOAR activities.
- Late Check-ins: The Security Desk volunteers will provide Temporary Badges for late check-ins.
- Guests: Guests are always welcome; however sponsors are expected to be in attendance when their guests arrive at SOAR XXXVIII.
- Banquet Seating: Banquets seats will be assigned after you have checked in. Volunteers will be available on Thursday to assist in locating seats.
- End of Reunion: All SOAR XXXVIII activities cease as of 1200 hours Friday 24 October.
- Volunteers: Volunteers are vital and necessary to the success of the SOAR.
Specific assistance is needed in the Registration and Security areas.
Please indicate your availability at the bottom of the SOAR XXXVIII Registration Form.
- Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Special Operations Association
Registration Information

Reunions Fees: The Fee structure has changed. There are two choices - Full Registration or Daily Registration.

Full Registration is \$150.00 per person – This rate includes unlimited entry into the hospitality room Monday through Thursday, Wednesday’s luncheon and Thursday’s Banquet.

Daily Registration is \$55 per day per person – Each daily rate includes entry into the Hospitality Room FOR THAT DAY ONLY. The Wednesday luncheon and Thursday Banquet are included in the daily rates for those days.

Example: If you plan to attend the full reunion, enter \$150 beside your name in the column named Full Registration. If your guest is planning to attend only on Thursday, enter \$55 beside their name in the Thursday column. Total cost: $\$150 + \$55 = \$205$.

There are two ways to register for the reunion:

1. Register online on the SOA website. It is easy and secure.
2. Complete the Registration Form and return it to the Registrar. There is no registration deadline; however, we ask that you mail your form so that the Registrar will receive it prior to October 15 when he leaves for the Reunion. After this date, you will need to register at the reunion.

Registration Hours: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9a-5p; Thursday 9a-noon

When you arrive at the registration desk please have your SOA ID card available. If you pre-registered, proceed to the sign-in tables, A - L or M - Z . If you did not pre-register, proceed to the Registrar and complete the forms

SOAR ID Badges: On the Registration Form under Member and Guest Names, enter your name as you want it to appear on the name badge.

Questions: If you have any questions about registration, please call or email the Registrar, Ray Frovarp, 910 425 1425, rmfrovarp@nc.rr.com.

SOAR XXXVIII REGISTRATION
 Special Operations Association Reunion
 20-24 October 2014
 The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV (800) 675-3267

SOA #	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Address		City	State
			Zip+4
Home Phone		Cell Phone	Email

Please check box if your information has changed.

Member and Guest Names Print names below the way you want them to be on your name badge.		Full Registration	Daily Registration				
		Enter the full Registration amount beside each person's name attending the full reunion. Full Registration includes the Wednesday Luncheon and Thursday Banquet.	Enter the Daily rate beside each person's name indicating day(s) attending. Daily rate is \$55 per person per day. Wednesday includes the Luncheon, Thursday includes the Banquet.				
First name	Last name	Mon - Thurs \$150.00 per person	Mon \$55	Tues \$55	Wed \$55	Thur \$55	Total \$
Member							
Guest							
Guest							
Guest							

Use additional sheets as needed

1. Registration Total Member + Guests = \$ _____

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

GRAND TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Complete the Registration form along with the Payment Information form, and return to:
 Ray Frovarp, 4072 Ardenwoods Drive, Fayetteville NC 28306-8344, (910) 425-1425, email: rmfrovarp@nc.rr.com

Forms must be received by the Registrar NLT October 15; otherwise, you will need to register at the reunion.

Volunteers: YES: I wish to volunteer in: Registration _____; Security _____; as needed _____

SOAR XXXVIII
PAYMENT INFORMATION FORM
(REGISTRATION ONLY)

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

SOA # _____ NAME _____

PAYMENT: Check ___ M.O. ___ Make payable to SOA

CREDIT CARD, SELECT ONE:

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

Account #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Enter Security Key that is on back of card: _____

Name as Printed On Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

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

*Signature: _____

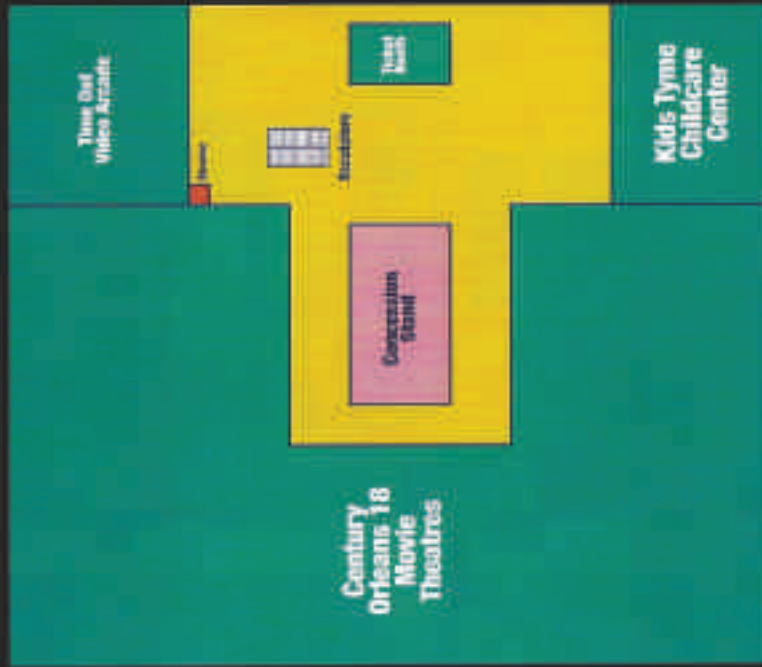
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Submit completed Payment Information and Registration Forms to:

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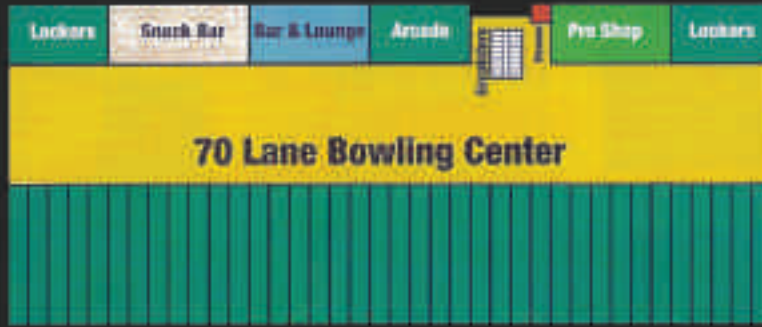
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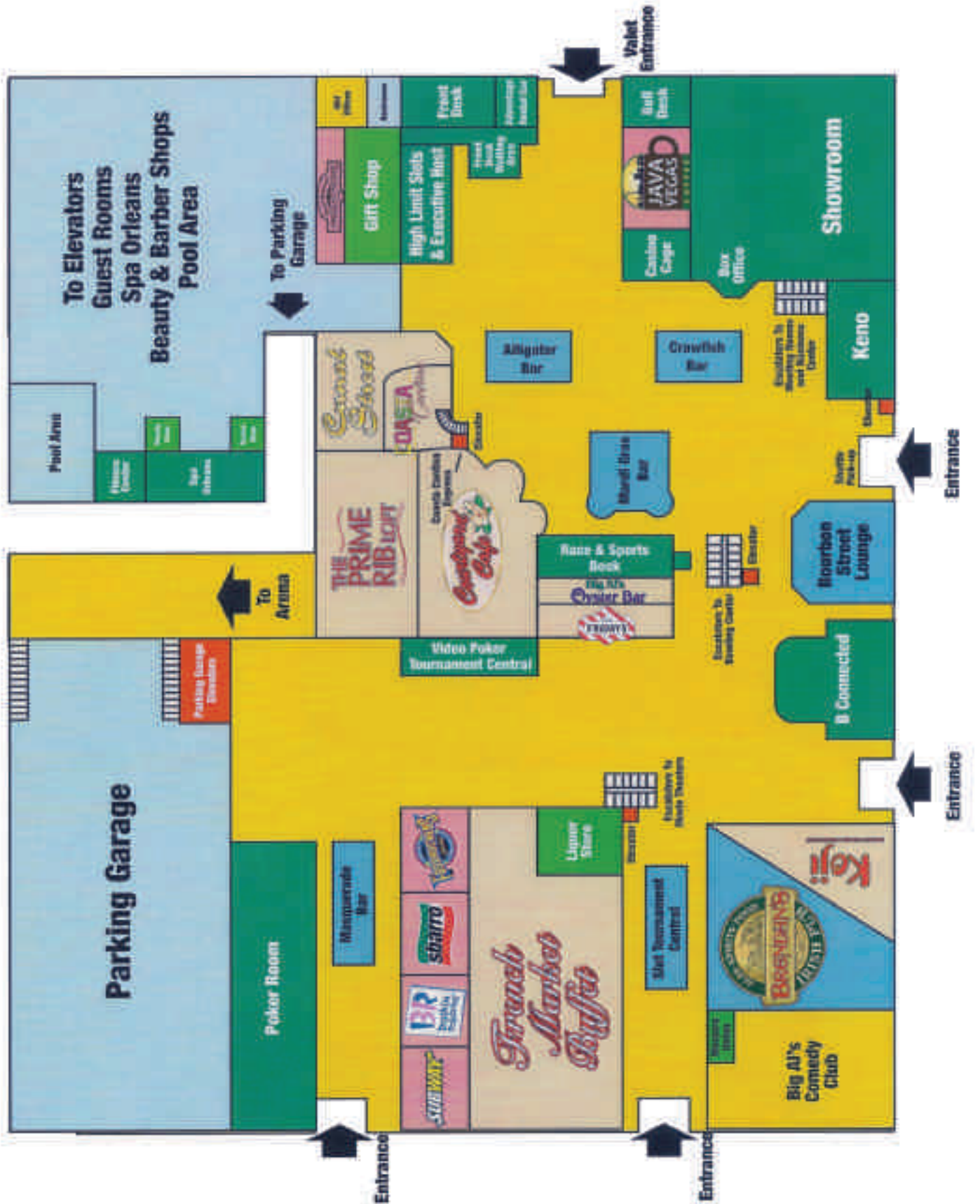
2nd Floor • East

Bowling



2nd Floor • East

**Executive Offices
Meeting & Banquet Rooms**



**SOAR XXXVIII
Schedule of Events
15 - 24 October 2014**

WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY, 15-17 October

0800-1700 Audit – SOA Archives – Cummings

SATURDAY, 18 October

0800-1700 Board and Special Staff Meeting

SUNDAY, 19 October

0800-1100 Religious Observance
1115 Board and Special Staff Meeting, SOAR Set-Up Activities

MONDAY, 20 October

0930-1700 Registration
0800-2000 SOA Video History Project – Suite # TBD - Cummings
0930-2400 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom

TUESDAY, 21 October

0930-1700 Registration
0800-1700 Hoover Dam/China Town Tour
0800-2000 SOA Video History Project – Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
0930-2400 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, 22 October

0930-1700 Registration
0930-2400 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom
0800-2000 SOA Video History Project - Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
0900-1030 SOG/SPAD Symposium - Esplanade Room - Don Engebretsen
1030-1130 POW/MIA Brief by JPAC/DPMO - Esplanade Room
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
1600-? Beam Suntory Whiskey Tasting with Hailey H. Delarosa - Esplanade Room
2000-Close Texas Hold 'Em Tournament - Orleans Hotel and Casino Poker Room

THURSDAY, 23 October

0930-1200 Registration
0930-1200 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom
0800-1200 SOA Video History Project - Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
1200 SOA Vendor Area/Hospitality Room Vacated
1530-1730 Cocktails - Hosted by SOA - Esplanade Room
1730-2030 Banquet - Mardi Gras Ballroom
2030-2400 Hospitality Room Bar Reopens
2030-Close Live Music and Dancing - Esplanade Room

SOAR XXXVIII Schedule of Events Continued

FRIDAY, 24 October

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

Wednesday 22 October 2014 4:00 pm

Beam Suntory is a proud sponsor of SOAR. On Wednesday October 22, after the General Membership Meeting, please join Beam Suntory representative Hailey Delarosa for an educational and affordable (free!) whiskey tasting extravaganza. Many thanks to Tony Bandiera and Bill Werther for putting this event together.

Hailey H. Delarosa, World Whisk(e)y Specialist



Hailey has been fortunate enough to work in the spirits/wine industry over the last 12 years. Her spirited career with Beam Suntory began in 2008 as the South Texas Maker's Mark Ambassador. It was here that her passion and appreciation for all things whisk(e)y developed, one story at a time. Today as the World Whiskey Specialist for South Texas, Hailey feels honored that she is able to educate the greater public and trade on the history and versatility of whiskey.

Although not native, Hailey considers herself a proud Texan. When not sharing the good word of whisk(e)y, Hailey enjoys traveling, culinary experiences, and spending time with her husband and young son, Harrison.

Hailey's favorite drink is the classic old fashioned made with Maker's 46 or Knob Creek (depending on the day).

The Entertainment Committee Presents Hoover Dam & Las Vegas Chinatown ...and more!

Ladies & Gentlemen:

This year the SOA concentrated on creating a family oriented and economical environment for our members, families and friends who participate in our 38th Reunion. Under the direction of the SOA Board of Directors, the Entertainment Committee has worked tirelessly to offer our members/friends a variety of entertainment, day trip and food discounts, etc. for your convenience and enjoyment. The following events are available for your participation and fun:

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

0830 - Hoover Dam & Las Vegas Chinatown day trip. Depart from the Orleans Hotel & Casino to Hoover Dam (including an inside tour of the Dam) for \$35.00 per person. If you would like to use a credit card to reserve your seat, please go to www.specialoperations.org to register.

1130 - Leaving Hoover Dam and traveling to Las Vegas Chinatown for lunch on your own - featuring discounted Chinese, Vietnamese & other ethnic cuisine. Please note: Lunch is not included in the \$35.00 fee.

1430 - Return to Orleans Hotel & Casino.

*Please note: The registration form for this day trip is in this PRP and online. Due to our agreement with the tour bus company, your pre-payment for the Hoover Dam trip is **Non-Refundable**.*

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

A musical/dance/buffet dinner program with the theme "USO for the SOA" at the newly opened "Viva Las Vegas Event Center." A tribute to our Special Operations veterans by the variety of the best Artists/Celebrities in Las Vegas. Please see the full page ad of this program in our PRP for more details.

Thursday, October 23, 2014

"Patriotism" is the theme of this year 38th Reunion, and it's in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of MACV/SOG. Our banquet stage will receive a "face lift" with American flags. A musical performance of the song "America" will be sung by Mr. Rob Garrett, the #1 Neil Diamond Impersonator in Las Vegas (approved by Neil Diamond himself) along with the assistance of the Entertainment Committee's staff/volunteers and the students of Helen Jydstrup Elementary School in Las Vegas.

**The Entertainment Committee Presents
Hoover Dam & Las Vegas Chinatown
...and more!**

Thursday, October 23, 2014, cont.

2030 - Immediately after the conclusion of our banquet, we invite you to stay and enjoy the rest of the evening with music and dancing provided by a live band playing popular songs of our time from the '40s, '50s, '60s & '70s in the Esplanade Room. A complimentary bar and dance floor will be provided for your enjoyment.

Come and see us at the Entertainment Committee table for more information.

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Director/Chairman of the Entertainment Committee
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E-mail: jimmytongnguyen@aol.com**

Or call my Volunteer Assistant, Leslie, at telephone number (949) 683-5012.

SOAR XXXVIII
Entertainment Registration and Payment Form
Day Trip to Hoover Dam and Las Vegas China Town
Tuesday October 21, 2014

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

Member Name: _____ Member #: _____

Number of Guests: _____ @ \$35.00 each = Total Cost of \$ _____

x2 = \$70
x3 = \$105
x4 = \$140

Names of Guests: _____

Please Identify Your Preferred Payment Method:

Online Secured Payment in the Members Only section of the SOA Web Site - *this is the only way to use a credit or debit card to pay for the trip.* Please go to http://www.specialoperations.org/member_login.html and sign up there.

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

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

In case we have questions regarding your registration, please provide:

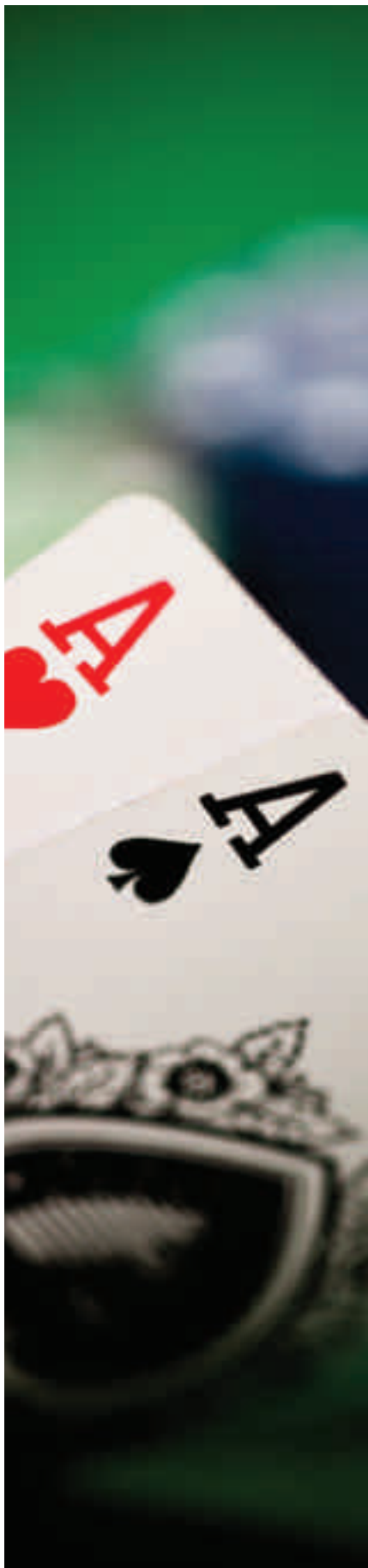
Phone (Day): _____ (Evening) _____ Cell: _____

Note: Due to the pre-arrangement with the bus company, there will be **NO REFUNDS** after registration

Mail Payment and Registration form to arrive
No Later Than September 30, 2014 to:

Jimmy Tong Nguyen
Director/Chairman Entertainment Committee
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2nd Annual Texas Hold-Em Tournament

The Entertainment Committee is proud and excited to announce the SOA 2nd Annual Texas Hold-Em Tournament. Play will commence at 2000 hrs (8pm) on Wednesday, October 22nd. The Tournament will be in The Orleans Hotel and Casino Poker Room and run by the Casino Management team.

Come join us for the fun, bragging rights, money and for the contribution to SOA Charities. Bring your entourage (fancy French word for a group of attendants or associates who either cheer or jeer) to make it a night of fun times. With more players and expanded rules, this should be one hell of a fun night!

Due to SOA members' requests, we have made a few adjustments to the rules, so read these carefully and if you have any questions contact C.B. "Cork" Motsett now or during SOAR. My email address is: cork130@comcast.net

Here are the Basics: Preregistration is required to play. Who: All Members and Guests - No limitation on the number of players. A Registration Table will be set up at entrance to the SOAR Vendor area.

What: Texas Hold-Em Tournament using Las Vegas Rules.

Where: Orleans Hotel and Casino Poker Room

When: Wednesday October 22nd at 8:00 PM

Rules: Buy-in is \$50.00 per person. The "split" is as follows: Winner takes all (after Casino Cut, Expenses, Tips, etc.). That split is 50/50 with the winner taking his/her 50% in cash. The winner also has the honor of choosing which SOA Charity will receive SOA's 50%.

Unlimited additional \$20.00 buy-ins are available for those who "bust" during the initial 90 minutes of play and want to continue playing. The additional Buy-In Concept is to enhance the enjoyment of the game and enlarge the pot for the eventual winner. Keeping more players in the game at the very beginning will only make this more enjoyable for everyone.

The winner will receive a trophy and the winner's name will be added to the plaque identifying the 2014 SOA Texas Hold-Em Tournament Winner.



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THE GEORGE C. MORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

The SOA Board will provide a 1904, \$20.00, Liberty Head Gold Coin as its annual raffle prize. Its retail value: \$2,150. It has been evaluated and certified by ANA, a National Company, and rated the Coin at MS64. Additionally, Numismatic Guaranty Corporation of America (NGC) has reviewed, and insured the authenticity of the Coin and it will be sealed in a plastic presentation case.

The SOA will announce the name of the “winner” of the annual drawing in support of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund on Wednesday afternoon, 22 October 2014, following the Special Operations Association Reunion (SOAR XXXVIII) General Membership Meeting.

The winner need not be present to win. If the winner is not present, he/she will be notified on November 3, 2014 via telephone.

Tickets are \$5.00 each, or you may purchase the ten-ticket packet for only \$45.00. You are requested to return the “STUB” portion of the raffle ticket(s) along with your check or money order made payable to the “SOA” in the enclosed “Self Addressed Envelope.”

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Video History Project

Since the beginning of the SOA Video History Project, the goal has been to preserve the history of SOA members who have conducted special operations around the world.

During the Vietnam War the press and other media outlets continually misrepresented the war to the American people. This left America divided as to what was happening in South East Asia. The only information they had was from slanted news reports, or if they were lucky, they got the true story from someone who served there.

What they never got were the stories of the men who conducted Special Operations across the fence. These men are growing fewer every day. So, if the real story is to be known and remembered, then is up to you to tell it!

Please sign up to be interviewed during SOAR XXXVIII. We will be conducting interviews beginning on Monday morning October 20 and continuing through Thursday morning October 23, 2014. Since the beginning of this project, more than fifty interviews have been conducted and that is a small number considering the number of our members who served and are still alive to tell future generations what really happened.

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of MACV-SOG. Now is the time to step up and tell us the stories that only you know. Also, please keep in mind that your interview can be continued in another segment if you remember something you didn't include in your first interview. Listed below is my contact information. Please let me know via phone or email when you will be in Vegas and I'll set you up with an interview time.

And to those of you who have already been interviewed, we thank you for your time and effort in helping to preserve our history.

**Dennis J. Cummings
SOA Archivist
3649 Taylor Ave.
Bridgeton, MO 63044
djc106@aol.com
314-298-0936**

SOA Archives

As many of you know the archives received its first donation, a green beret, from Charles Borg during SOAR XXXVII. His beret is the first donation of a uniform item worn in Vietnam by one of our members while assigned to SOG. It is also the ONLY uniform item donated to the archive. Since then we have had another donation from Robert "Spider" Parks who has generously given the archives two of his SOG plaques as well as his SOG knife and a knife that Glen Lane captured from a dead NVA while operating near Lang Vie, RVN. Those items will be added to the archive display at SOAR XXXVIII. Please stop by the archive table to read the history of these items.

During past reunions I have had that the opportunity to speak with many SOG veterans regarding donations to the SOA Archive. Of those who have promised to donate historically important items only a very few have done so. The SOA is depending on YOU, its members, to donate those items. So please get up in the attic, down in the basement or out in the garage and start digging through the stuff that you know we need. This effort is to preserve YOUR history and we cannot do it without your help. The SOA is seeking items of uniforms and equipment, photographs and slides with identifying information, documents, film footage, patches and insignia. Books and manuscripts of books written by SOA members are also welcomed.

Please send all submissions to:

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SOG/SPAD SYMPOSIUM for SOAR XXXVIII

The OLAA A-1 pilots (Call Sign SPAD) are leading a dialog between A-1 pilots, SOG team members, and all other across the fence support participants. There will be an emphasis on operations in late 1969 and all of 1970. These are the dates OLAA existed, but we are not restricting the discussions to that timeframe only. We have many questions to ask about SOG team operations that only you can answer. We also suspect that you have questions for us. It is time to close that "50 FOOT GAP" that existed in our relationship 44 years ago. For historical and closure purposes, we ask that you all attend and share your thoughts on Wednesday morning, 22 October 2014 at 0900 hrs in the Esplanade Room.

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 XXXVIII General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, 22 October 2014, 20, 25 and 30 Year SOA pins will be awarded.

On Thursday evening, 23 October 2014, during the conduct of the SOAR XXXVIII Banquet activities, the President, SOA, will present recipients with their 35 Year SOA tenure pins.

SOAR XXXVIII 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 XXXVIII Sergeant-At-Arms will be determined upon close of Advance Registration on 15 October 2014 by the President, SOA.

SOAR XXXVIII Silent Auction and/or Door Prize Donations

If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction or door prizes at SOAR XXXVIII, 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 XXXVIII and you wish to donate either silent auction items, or door prizes, you are requested to mail the items to arrive NLT 15 October 2014 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, 22 OCTOBER 2014 to facilitate the hospitality of SOAR guests.

The attendance of SOA members at the GMM is required .

SOAR XXXVIII Photos

Any and all photos taken during the conduct of SOAR XXXVIII are requested and welcomed. It is also requested that you identify all individuals and activities reflected in the photos on the backside. High resolution digital photos are also greatly appreciated.

Dispatch photographs to:

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Tempe, AZ 85282
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tions.org

SOA XXXVIII Vendors

If you are interested in being a Vendor/Exhibitor at SOAR XXXVIII, 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, 20 October through Thursday, 23 October for your admittance.
- 2-Be opened at 1000 hours until 1800 hours, Monday, 20 October through Wednesday, 22 October 2014 for business. At 1800 hours the entire Vendor Area will be secured until the next business day.
- 3-Be opened on Thursday, 23 October 2014 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 XXXVIII AAR, you are asked to coordinate your requests to include the current rate costs with:

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**SOAR XXXVIII Silent Auction
Door Prize Activity**

Following the conduct of the SOAR XXXVIII General Membership Meeting on the afternoon of Wednesday, 22 October 2014, 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 1904, \$20.00, Liberty Head Gold Coin in support of the SOA George C. Morton Scholarship Fund.

**Beam Suntory
Whiskey Tasting**

4:00 pm
Wednesday 22 October 2014
After the General Membership Meeting
Esplanade Room

**Announcing a New Book Project on
Special Operations!**

COL (Ret.) Joseph D. Celeski (Army, SF) is beginning a 18- to 24-month research project to publish in historical book form the roles and missions of selected special operations forces who supported the U.S. Ambassadors in Laos and the U.S. Embassy Project Evaluations Office (PEO) and later, the MAAG-Laos and Project 404, in Vientiane, Laos. This project is for non-profit, historical purposes only. These activities will include:

- 1st Phase: Operation HOTFOOT and WHITESTAR (and 1950s to 1962 advisory period)
- The 46th independent Special Forces Company in Thailand, who advised and served in Laos or trained Thais for service in Laos
- 2nd Phase: The Air Commandos & the attached Ravens (FACs)
- 3rd Phase: Project 404 SOF Advisors (AIRA and ARMA) who supported guerrilla operations or facilitated other special operators (ground or air)

Although not intended to cover operations generated from South Vietnam, such as the MACV-SOG operations on the Ho Chi Minh Trail, or Air America and inter-agency operations, and USAF operations in the air war interdiction of the Ho Chi Minh trail, the book will necessarily include portions of those efforts as it relates to Secret War in Laos. The author intends to include in his research the following: Official reports, periodicals and books already in print; a visit to official archives of ARSOF and AFSOF, along with national-level service and history archives; interviews from a questionnaire and material generated from veterans of this conflict; input from the Veteran's associations relating to the topics above; and visits to archives held in relevant service museums. This publication will be generated all from open, unclassified sources.

REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE: The author is looking for a variety of interviews (questionnaire will be provided) from Veterans who may have served in this capacity in Laos, as well as the opportunity to copy, with permission and source cited, a small amount of photos, leaflets, or other material for use in illustrating the book. These documents are preferred as scans somewhere in the 600 DPI range for suitability of reproduction in journal and book form. If preferred, names of contributors will be handled as anonymous, or as the source of the material being contributed. If desiring to contribute to this project, COL (Ret.) Joseph D. Celeski can be contacted by any of the following methods:
Mailing Address: 3985 Lost Oak Court, Buford, GA 30519
Home Phone: 678 546-0507; Cell Phone: 678 591-3230
E-mail: jceleski@msn.com; GB5253@aol.com

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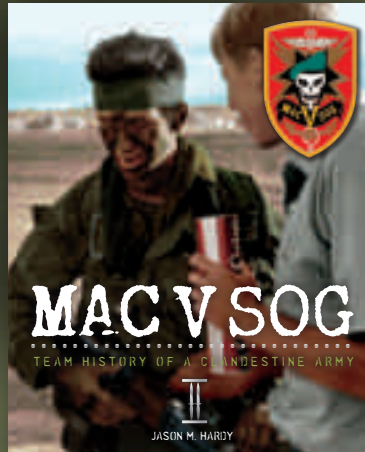
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May 29, 2014

Master Sergeant Patrick Watkins (retired)
5579 South Danube Drive
Taylorsville, Utah 84126

Dear Mr. Watkins,

As Governor and a veteran, I am pleased to congratulate you on being awarded recently the Distinguished Service Cross. I understand you are the only Vietnam War veteran from Utah to receive this medal. This honor solidifies your status as the most highly decorated living veteran in our great state, having already been awarded five Bronze Stars, two Army commendation Medals, two Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Medals, and two Purple Hearts. What an incredible achievement!

On behalf of all residents of Utah, it is my privilege to extend appreciation for the loyal and dedicated service you provided to the United States Army. Thank you for your service and sacrifices in defending the freedoms we enjoy. Your record of conduct, performance, and devotion to duty reflect your allegiance to the highest standards of the military profession.

I offer my respects and best wishes for your continued success and happiness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary R. Herbert".

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

PAT WATKINS RECEIVES THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

At 3 PM on a warm, Florida afternoon on 22 May 2014 at the Liberty Chapel on the grounds of the 7th Special Forces Group's (Airborne) Headquarters, Pat Watkins was presented the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions on the early morning of 23 August 1968. After all these years, he finally received recognition for his valorous actions on that horrible and endless early morning at CCN.



The event was very well attended by the men of SOG, with an official party from the Board of Directors of the Special Operations Association present to participate in the proceedings. The event, hosted by Colonel Robert Kirila, Deputy Commander of the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), had the Deputy Commanding General of the United States Army Special Forces Command (Airborne), Brigadier General Michael Turello, in attendance as a guest and as presenter of the award, as well as MG (Ret) Eldon Bargewell, BG (Ret) Joe Stringham, Ms. Helen Rigdon, representing Congressman Jeff Miller's office, Frank DeToma, representing Senator Bill Nelson's office, the Mayor of Ft. Walton Beach, The Honorable Mike Anderson, as well as Tyler Furbish, VP of the SOA, Pete Buscetto, Treasurer of the SOA and Brian Vines, Director of the SOA. The event was emceed by the SOA's Membership Chairman, Ray Calafell, who worked closely with the 7th Group's S-1, Major Joseph Messina. Also in attendance as special guests were several members of Pat Watkins' family. A very special guest was Mr. Neil Thorne, who took the lead in preparing the event, to include fund-raising from the private sector to allow for Pat's extended family to attend and for maintaining a trust account showing all funds incoming and outgoing for the necessary expenditures to make the event and post-awards reception a reality. Neil is a Senior & Commercial Real Estate Assessor and Statistician

for the Frederick County, Virginia Commissioner of the Revenue, who on his own dime, took the responsibility to make the logistics work.



Prior to the medal ceremony, the SOA men in attendance were treated to a VIP tour of the 7th's facilities and were special invited guests of the 1/7th at their yearly Memorial service honoring the men who had died in service to our nation. This year was special because the Rock Garden which

they created at Ft. Bragg was re-created at Eglin and was dedicated on this day. The speaker was Romulo "Romy" Camargo, seriously wounded in Afghanistan, who gave a wonderful, inspirational speech to the assembled men.

After the formal ceremony, a reception was held at the Magnolia Grill at which several presentations were made, including one to Pat from Lou DeSeta and the SOA Riders, the official motorcycle club of the SOA. Teamwork all around made for a tremendous medal ceremony which shall be remembered by all who were able to be in attendance.



*Ray Calafell presents
LTG Mulholland with
one of Watkins's coins
for his continued
support of the men of
SOG.*





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Editor's Note: The secret war officially ended in 1972, but the extraordinary bravery and dedication to duty by SOG men and the air units which supported them wasn't recognized until 29 years, nearly three decades, later.



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General Membership Meeting Agenda

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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, 23 October 2013, SOAR XXXVII AAR, Pages: 35-36 Secretary, SOA
2. Financial Report and 2015 Budget Treasurer, SOA
3. Approval of the 2015 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 Vines
13. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report President, SOA
14. Swearing in newly Elected SOA Officers and Directors President, SOA
 - a. Vice-President, SOA: _____
 - b. Director, SOA: _____
15. Farewell to SOA Board Members President, SOA
 - a. Director, SOA Cork Motsett
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 XXXVIII Status Report Chairman Nguyen

B. New Business:

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| 1. Corporate Sponsorship: | Director Motsett |
| 2. SOAR XXXIX Report: | Chairman Nguyen |
| 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, 22 October 2014.

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 XXXVIII 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.

Candidate for President



Rick Estes
SOA # 597 - GA

I have been an SOA member since 1985 and served as Director, Vice President, Tally Committee Chair, By-laws Committee member, helped on Brightlight, and other jobs as needed.

My service in Vietnam was with CCN, serving at Khe Sahn, Mai Loc, Phu Bai and Da Nang, completing service as a one zero with RT Crusader. I served in Iraqi Freedom in 2003 and 2004 with the Special Operation Command.

I am a married real estate broker living in Southern California, father of 5 grown children and have 13 grandchildren.

I have enjoyed our many years of SOAR gatherings and if elected president will build on the comradeship, patriotism and good times we have all enjoyed. I believe strongly in long term planning, financial stability, transparency and civility toward each other and have the utmost respect for the intelligence, integrity, courage and the sacrifices made by my fellow comrades.

Candidate for Vice President



Ty Furbish
SOA#1607-GL

I am the sitting VP of the SOA. Having served on the Board of Directors previously, and knowing how an empty slot hampers operations, I volunteered to be considered for appointment to fill the remaining year of the Vice President's term when then VP Rick Estes had to resign for personal reasons a couple of months before SOAR in 2013.

I have decided to step up to run for the office of Vice President. By the time the votes are counted in this election, I will have served a year as Vice President, 3 years as Secretary (2006-2009), and 3 years as Membership Committee Chairman (2003-2006). Hopefully, most of you are familiar with my record. I hope so because I'm running on it. If you'd like me to continue serving, cast your vote for me for VP, and I will be happy to do so.

As you know, the VP is responsible to assume the duties of the President when and as required, oversees the Bylaws Committee, and is responsible for the SOA SOP. And then there is the ever present "other duties as assigned."

Candidate for Vice President



John C. Russell, Jr.
SOA #2686-GA

I am running for Vice President because I believe I am the best candidate. I am proud to be a part of the SOF community and have an unbridled passion to make certain that the SOA is successful well into the future.

I have been affiliated with the SOA BODs for the past three years in the capacities as a member of the Temporary Financial Committee; Bylaws Committee, ultimately becoming chair; Chairman of the Entertainment Committee (responsible for the arranging of the Bonnie Springs Ranch and Red Rock Canyon touring events), Director, and Secretary.

I believe that the SOA stands at a critical juncture where our proud and accomplished past must evolve in order to meet an equally accomplished future. It is with an honest and productive exchange of ideas, a focused execution, and a willingness to embrace a new generation that we will succeed. We must be exceptionally relevant and absolutely welcoming to ALL current, former and retired members of the SOF community.

Candidates for Director



Thomas M. Cunningham, Jr.
SOA # 79-GL

I am standing for election for SOA DIRECTOR. If elected, I will work aggressively with other members of the SOABOD to continue to bring the membership the high quality of services to which this Association has become accustomed to and which the members have contributed. This Association belongs to us. It is up to us to make it work. Your participation is critical. Please vote.

I have been a member of this Association since SOAR I. Recently, I served the Association as its Executive Director for 4 years. I know firsthand the hard work required, that each member of the BOD must take their Oath of Office seriously and be dedicated to acting selflessly in the best interest of the membership. I will bring to my duties as Director the insights learned while serving as your executive director into the working of the SOA BOD and its relationship with the membership.



Jim Day
SOA # 713-GL

After graduating from SFTG in August, 1968 as an engineer, I was assigned to the 3rd Group. While in the 3rd Group, I completed 11F training. In December, 1968, I was reassigned to C-5/CCS 5th Group. I ran recon for 10 months and then moved to MLS-North in S-2. I extended for 6 months and completed my tour in July, 1970.

After being discharged from the regular Army, I joined the Reserves and spent until September, 1970 in the 12th group. In 1977, I graduated from eastern Oregon university. I spent the next eight years as a math teacher in Burns, Oregon. In 1986 I got an MBA from Mercer University and spent the rest of my career as a managing principal where I supervised 50+ stock brokers in Oregon and Northern California. If I'm elected as a Director, I plan to focus on increasing membership.

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() _____ Write In

DIRECTOR: Vote for only one (1) candidate.

() Tom Cunningham SOA# 79-GL

() James Day SOA# 713-GL

() _____ Write In



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION SOA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

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Memberships in arrears are in jeopardy of being moved to inactive status, removed from the mailing list and incurring additional reinstatement fees.

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Taps

The following members have passed away since SOAR XXXVII:

Jack G. Halladay, SOA# 2905, 12 Sep. 12
Ronald D. Colwell, SOA# 1180, 7 Nov. 13
Ron Barend, SOA# 1063, 13 Nov. 13
Charles W. Norton, SOA# 871, 16 Nov. 13
James Zachary, SOA# 1452, 18 Jan. 14
Paul Eddie Hill, SOA# 2106, 31 Jan. 14
Celestino William Garcia, SOA# 1052, 11 Feb. 14
Col. O Lee Mize, SOA# 1257, 12 Mar. 14
James W. Edgell, SOA# 311, 12 Mar. 14
Lt. Col. Newlin Happersett, SOA# 225, 23 Mar. 14
Bob Willman, SOA# 1855, 01 Apr. 14
F.M. Ritchie, SOA# 734, 9 Apr. 14
James R. McGlon, SOA# 1589, 25 Apr. 14
Roger L. Sullivan, SOA# 976, 4 May 14
Lou Smith, SOA# 134, 1 May 14
Paul C. Payne, SOA# 2098, 16 June 14
John McGovern, SOA# 2574, 19 June 14
Patrick Hephner, SOA# 1249, 20 June 14
George A. Fisher, SOA# 636, 5 July 14



Patrick Hephner receiving the Founder's Award from President John "Tilt" Meyer at SOAR XXXVII. Opinionated, cranky, kind, generous, and funny as hell, Patrick's contributions to SOAR as Reunion Chair are unrivaled. You will be sorely missed, brother.

National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia

As Chairman of the Special Operations Association (SOA) POW/MIA Committee, I had the honor of representing the SOA at the 45th Annual Meeting of the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, 11-14 June 2014.

The League originated on the West Coast in the 1960s and was incorporated in 1970 in Washington, D.C. Voting membership is comprised of wives, children, parents, siblings and other close blood and legal representatives of Americans who are, or were, listed as Prisoners of War (POW), Missing in Action (MIA), Killed in Action/Body not Recovered (KIA/NBR) and returned American Vietnam (VN) War POWs. The League's sole mission is to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and the repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the VN War. Under the leadership of Chairman of the Board and Principal League Spokesperson, Ann Mills-Griffith (MIA sister and League Executive Director from 1978-2011), the league has become a powerful, effective and tireless nonprofit, tax-exempt, humanitarian organization that wields great influence in advancing their cause.

There are still 1642 personnel listed by the Department of Defense (DOD) as missing and unaccounted-for from the VN War (VN 1275, Laos 307, Cambodia 53, remainder over territorial waters). Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) Detachments in Bangkok, Hanoi, Laos and Cambodia are the tip of the spear in the recovery effort. Their personnel who presented briefings at the meeting were uniformly impressive. Most impressive of all was Maj Gen Kelly McKeague, USAF, Commander, JPAC. A compilation of their remarks presented the following picture of JPAC operations, successes and challenges:

- In VN, the government has lifted restrictions over the entire country and has become much more forthcoming with their military archives and Vietnamese veteran eyewitness accounts. But, the Vietnamese do not freely give everything they have; we must submit quarterly requests for information.
- In Laos, the government is fairly cooperative, but "nickels and dimes" us incessantly by charging exorbitant fees for vehicles, escorts, security, etc. far in excess of what should be necessary.
- Many JPAC operations must be postponed or cancelled, often at the last minute, due to budget and funding issues, sometimes due to Congressional inaction and other times due to adverse actions by US Pacific Command (USPACOM).

- A USPACOM hiring freeze has resulted in JPAC having too few forensic scientists for field teams they could otherwise deploy. This may be easing with recent "mission essential" hiring approval.

- Time is not on our side.
 - √ Veterans on both sides are dying or have fading memories.
 - √ Sites are being degraded by urban, industrial and agricultural development.
 - √ Extreme acidity of the soil in Southeast Asia consumes remains rapidly, often leaving only teeth to recover and identify.
 - √ Fast-moving jets loaded with fuel and ordnance also often left only limited remains behind.
 - √ Access is limited by governments, weather and terrain. Late budgets can cause us to miss tight weather windows year after year.
 - √ The "easy cases" have been resolved. We're down to the difficult ones.

The Secretary of Defense has directed the acting Undersecretary of Defense for Policy to recommend a "plan for how to best organize DOD to most effectively increase to the maximum extent possible the numbers of missing Service personnel accounted for annually while ensuring timely and accurate information is provided to their families." This directive was largely driven by a year-old controversy started by a civilian employee of JPAC, a self-perceived "whistle-blower", who made many unproven, unwarranted allegations of wrong-doing and inefficiencies in DOD's current organizations and operations. The League welcomed Secretary Hagel's action, but also seemed supportive of JPAC in the face of the derogatory accusations, as evidenced by their presenting Commander, JPAC, with their highest honor, the League Award, at this year's meeting.

The individual heading the reorganization, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD/SOLIC) is Michael Lumpkin, retired SEAL team commander. He faces a huge challenge: addressing structure, manning, budget, and operations in a single organization that encompasses the current activities of Defense POW/Missing Persons Office (DPMO), JPAC, Central Identification Laboratory, Defense Intelligence Agency Stony Beach, and support from agencies such as Life Science Equipment Laboratory, Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory, etc. At the meeting, Secretary Lumpkin stated he envisions combining these missions under a single Armed Forces Medical Examiner.

The most important impressions I took away from the meeting for SOA:

- My take on the reorganization: We do need one mission-oriented organization, but with checks and balances. Admittedly, there is room for streamlining the disparate organizations; but, the challenge will be to avoid throwing out the baby with the bath water. There are a lot of capable, dedicated professionals doing lots of good, hard work in this arena. They need to be preserved and protected.

- The government shutdown was a MAJOR setback. Five operations in VN and six in Laos had to be cancelled. JPAC had to cancel or defer 52% of planned first quarter missions. The US sent mixed signals and broke faith with the host nations they've worked so hard to cultivate. My opinion: Recovery and repatriation activities must be exempt from sequestration, as are Veterans Administration operations. POW/MIAs are unreturned veterans and deserve the same level of service as the VA's living veterans throughout and despite Congressional budget deliberations and political shenanigans.
- What can SOA do? Invite DPMO and JPAC participation at SOAR. Stay informed. Provide DPMO and JPAC researchers and operators with any eyewitness accounts or other information we can provide regarding our unrecovered brothers-in arms. Continue to support the efforts of the National League of Families and attend their annual meetings.
- What can SOA members do? Contact their Congressional representatives regarding our concern regarding lack of sustained, reliable funding for JPAC operations. These funds should be exempt from sequestration.

- Mike Taylor

Chairman, POW/MIA Committee

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Operation Bright Light

During the Vietnam War, there was a highly classified organization, code named, "Studies & Observation Group" (SOG). The unit was made up primarily of U.S. Army Special Forces (the Green Berets) but was augmented with other elite military organizations that were an integral part of Special Operations at the time. The skills and lessons learned by the SOG warriors made them the forerunner of today's Delta Force and the Navy SEALs.

As all operations in SOG were classified TOP SECRET, code names were assigned to the SOG personnel and their operations.

Teams were identified by code names; named after a snake, a state, or a tool and consisted of one (1) to four (4) American Green Berets. The number of additional personnel was dependent on the specific mission and was made up of indigenous personnel or mercenaries. Some teams were even made up of North Vietnamese Soldiers (NVA) that had been captured, re-trained, and then paid to fight for the U.S. as mercenaries.

SOG warriors secretly penetrated deep into Laos and Cambodia to identify bombing targets, destroy troops, ambush trucks, mine roads, and, in the most difficult assignment, capture North Vietnamese soldiers for intelligence purposes. Always outnumbered and operating in the most dangerous and isolated conditions imaginable, SOG warriors matched wits with an unrelenting enemy that hunted them without mercy, in many cases using skilled trackers and dogs. As a result, they suffered an extraordinarily high casualty rate. Ten entire teams disappeared and another fourteen were overrun and annihilated.

Additional missions of the SOG warrior included the rescue of fighter and bomber pilots shot down behind enemy lines and the recovery of downed helicopter crews who supported the SOG missions. The most hated mission was recovery of team members that had been killed or wounded. The standard code name for those missions was "BRIGHT LIGHT".

Bright Light were words dreaded by all, as they knew someone was in serious trouble.

Today, as in the past, we have SOG warriors and members of the Special Operation Association who run into trouble. Some have fallen on hard times. Some are faced with unexpected expenses or their families are just a little bit short in making ends meet. All we need to know is that one of ours is in trouble and a "BRIGHT LIGHT" mission is announced over the network.

"OPERATION BRIGHT LIGHT" was founded by the Special Operations Association and its only mission is to help their own...warriors who are truly in need.

Today, we want to thank all the SOA Riders for their support in helping make this dream come true for Special Operations Warriors.

Have a safe ride and enjoy yourselves. When you ride, let your spirit SOAR with the eagles.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Planned Monthly Giving Program

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Planned Monthly Giving Program

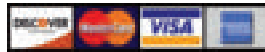
Registration Form

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

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

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

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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.



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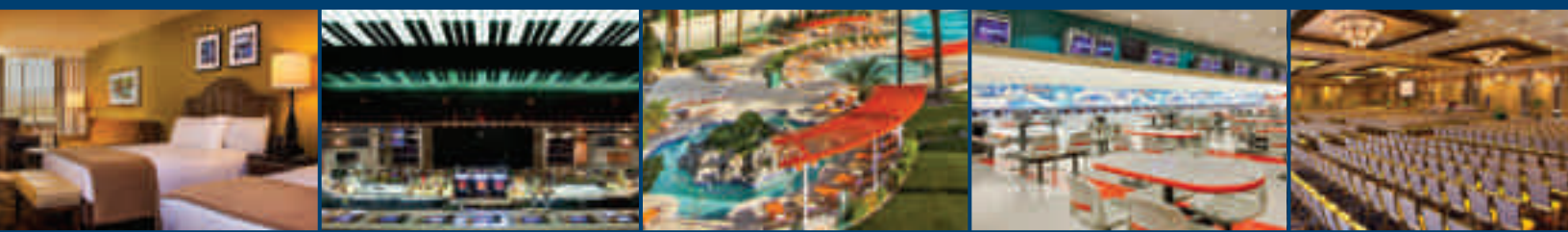
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