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Chief Warrant Officer George Valdez receives first MG Singlaub Award, Feb 20, 2016

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WHAT WE DO

Special Operations Association Foundation Mission: to help Active Duty, separated, retired, and deceased Special Operations Warriors and their families by providing free educational, well-being, suicide prevention, and survivor assistance.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

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Your donation saves and enriches lives!



SHARE OUR CAUSES WITH YOUR FRIENDS!
Help us get more people involved!

SHOP

OUR STORE IS COMING SOON!
In the meantime, donate and share to help our SOF Veterans!

May 2016

Fellow SOA members

Come celebrate our fortieth anniversary in Las Vegas at the beautiful Orleans Hotel and Casino on October 17th thru the 29th. We have 32 members eligible for their forty year pins this year. One of our members has never missed a SOAR and several have missed only one or two since they began at Ceasar's Palace, Las Vegas, NV, December of 1977.

For the first time this year, the Special Operations Association shared our video interview library with the 5th SF Group as training resources for active duty troops and we hope to expand this sharing of information in the future. If you have not been interviewed yet, please contact Dennis Cummings or Lisa Allen to schedule a video session at SOAR. Last year we totally booked all interview slots, so be sure to get interviewed if you have not already.

The Pow-MIA committee has expanded its time slot this year from one to two hours reflecting the Committee's increased activity. The hard work of Mike Taylor and his committee is paying off and they have a lot to report back to you so don't miss this great meeting and report.

The Special Operations Association had the great honor to participate in co-sponsoring an award honoring MG(R) John K Singlaub Jedburg to first recipient Chief Warrant officer 2 George A. Valdez. At the U.S. Army Special Operations Command Red and Black Ball on February 20, 2016. Future awards will be given on an annual basis. Attending on behalf of the SOA Board of Directors was SOA Treasurer Pete Buscetto.

"We carried a special section in this PRP dedicated to the 5th Special forces FLASH CHANGEOVER CEREMONY held at Fort Campbell, Kentucky on 23 March 2016, and attended by many, many SOA members, as well as hundreds of former members who served in the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. Following the official ceremony, Clyde Sincere and I had the privilege of presenting to Colonel Frederick Prins, (Deputy Commanding Officer, 5th SFGp.), a set of DVD's featuring "The Australian SAS, The Untold Story", produced by Forward Scout Films. As many of you are aware, members of the SAS served with the USASF MIKE FORCES during the Vietnamese Conflict". If anyone is interested in securing a set of these DVD's, contact Clyde Sincere for further details.

The popular SPADS program will be back this year but this time they are going to bring some maps with them and plan to review some of the specific missions.

We have a fine selection of candidates this year with many years of experience to offer our association. Please review their candidate statements and send your vote to SOA Tally Chair, Mike Keele. Please be sure to use the envelopes included with your PRP. See you at SOAR XL

Respectfully,

Rick Estes
President



Seeking Bright Light Candidates

June 2016

Fellow SOA Members,

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 who are listed below.

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

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

Since 2005, 35 SOA members and three family members have been assisted at some level of monetary consideration by this program. Thanks again to the generosity of the SOA membership in general and the SOA Riders and SOA member Joseph M. Conlon specifically.

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

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SOA Reunion

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Special Operations Association Soar XL Master Events List (MEL)

AS OF 16 May 2016

Friday, 14 October:

TBD: Movement of SOA Items from Storage to Orleans Hotel, Clyde Sincere
1500-1800: Planning and Budget Committee Meeting (Board Room), Treasurer Buscetto

Saturday, 15 October:

0800-1700: Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room), President Estes

Sunday, 16 October:

0800-1700: Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room), President Estes
0800-1700: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings

Monday, 17 October:

0800-1700: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
0800-1200: Vendor Setup (Vender Area, Mardi Gras Ballroom), Clyde Sincere
0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Frovarp
0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), no host

Tuesday, 18 October:

0800-1700: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
0800-1800: Grand Canyon Tour, Chairman Russell
0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Frovarp
0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), no host
TBD: Health Fair (TBD), Director Binford
1600-1700: Agent Orange Symposium (Salon H) Doc Padgett
TBD: Alcohol Tasting Seminar (Salon G), Tony Bandiera
TBD: 1st Special Forces Command Briefing and discussion (Salon H) CSM Rarey
and SF Group NCO/Soldiers of the Year, Rand Binford

Special Operations Association Soar XL Master Events List (MEL)

Wednesday, 19 October:

- 0800-1700: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Frovarp
- 0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), no host
- 0900-1000: SOG/SPAD/COVEY Symposium (Esplanade Room) Don Engebretson
- 1000-1200: POW/MIA Symposium (Esplanade Room) Chairman Taylor
- 1200-1300: Lunch (Mardi Gras Ballroom) no host
- 1330-1530: SOA General Membership Meeting (Esplanade Room), President Estes
- 1530-1630: Door Prizes and Silent Auction (Esplanade Room), Clyde Sincere
- 1900-2000: Texas Hold'em Tournament

Thursday, 20 October:

- 0700-0830: CCS Breakfast
- 0800-1200: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0900-1200: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Frovarp
- 0900-1030: OASIS BOD Meeting (Board Room), Secretary Vines
- 0930-1200: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), no host
- 0945-1400: Tour and BBQ (Bonnie Springs Ranch), Chairman Russell
- NLT 1200: All Vendors must be out of Mardi Gras Ballroom
- 1300-1400: Rehearsals (Mardi Gras Ballroom) President Estes
- 1530-1720: Cocktails (Esplanade Room) no host
- 1730-2030: SOAR Banquet
- 2030-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), no host
- 2100-2300: DJ/Dancing (Esplanade Room), Chairman Russell

Friday, 21 October:

- 0800-1200: Movement of SOA property to Storage Facility, Volunteers
- 0900-1200: Selective SOA Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room),
President Estes
- 0930-1200: Hospitality Room (Salon H), no host
- 1200: Hotel Check-out

Bonnie Springs Ranch Trip



On Thursday, 20 October at 945, the SOA will sponsor a trip to the Bonnie Springs Ranch for an amazing Western themed show, petting zoo, shopping, and Barbeque Lunch.

The cost is \$70 per person and includes bus transportation, entrance fee, and meal.

Bonnie Springs Ranch was originally built in 1843 as

a stopover for the wagon trains going to California down the Old Spanish Trail.

In 1846, General Fremont, on his way to California, stopped at what is now Bonnie Springs Ranch to gear up for his trip through Death Valley. Since 1952, the ranch has been used as a tourist attraction.

Often called “an oasis in the desert”, where you can stop for a cool drink of spring water. Today the grounds are a delight for locals and tourists alike. There is a fine dinner house and a quaint cocktail lounge.

We have a wide variety of animals for you to see in our zoo. Both native and non-native, including Simba the Canadian Lynx and our beautiful wolves.

We have a large stable of horses for your riding pleasure, pony rides for the kids.

For an additional \$60 per person, guests can take a one-hour horseback ride through Red Rock Canyon. Seating is limited to 56 attendees, the cutoff date for signing up is 15 September 2016.

More information can be found at <https://bonniesprings.com>



SOAR 2016 Grand Canyon Tour



This year's SOA Tour is a visit to the West Rim of the Grand Canyon on Tuesday 18 October from 0800 to 1800. A modern 56 passenger bus will take you to and from the site.

Cost with Active/Retiree Military ID is \$75. This includes a \$35 bus fee and \$40 park entrance fee. Cost without Active/Retiree Military ID is \$95. This includes a \$35 bus fee and \$60 park entrance fee.

Grand Canyon West is owned by the Hualapai Indian Tribe and is located in Peach Springs, Arizona. It is approximately a two-hour bus ride from the Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas, NV.

Each purchased entry package will grant you and your guest the experience of a lifetime. Hop on their buses and visit each of the sites. Take your time and learn of the canyon and its history from the Hualapai tribal ambassadors in each point. Take in the sights and hop on the bus to go to the next site.

For an additional fee (\$21.50 with Military ID or \$35 without Military ID, payable at the park) you can visit the Grand Canyon Skywalk. The Skywalk is a glass, horseshoe-shaped bridge that enables visitors to walk beyond the canyon walls at Grand Canyon West, suspending them 4,000 feet above the riverbed and providing an unparalleled view of this natural wonder.

Seating is limited to 56 attendees, the cutoff date for signing up is 15 September 2016.

To see some amazing pictures, visit www.grandcanyonwest.com/skywalk.html





SOA'S ANNUAL TEXAS

We're Back! Ready for more Fun and opportunity for everyone. THE GAME is Providing Every Player a Greater Opportunity So what will be different this year from in the past?

1. The Buy-in remains the same, **\$50.00 per player** (no changes here)
2. **Unlimited Additional Buy-ins for just \$25.00.** The additional Buy-in's still receive the full original Buy-in number of Chips
3. **The Buy-in time is being extended from 60 minutes to a full 90 minutes** to allow all players more time to Buy-in should they bust at the beginning of the game. This also level the field between the novice and the highly experienced players and should make the game all that much more fun and interesting for everyone..
4. The Casino is providing more tables, more dealers and will keep the games moving as each game will be limited to no more than 25 minutes
5. The Tournament will **start promptly at 1800 (6:00 PM)** This should allow us to finish at a more reasonable hour than in the past. (Speaking strictly for myself, these 1 and 2:00 AM nights are getting a bit old) **Players must show up at the casino to register NLT 1745, (5:45 PM)**
6. Best of All, this year we will be playing **No-Limit Texas Hold'Em**. People are drawn to No-Limit because of its unique mix of skill, chance and action, and because you can bet all of your chips at any point during the hand.

This year's winner will also receive the Tournament Trophy with their name added to the Winner's Tree. They can take it home for bragging rights and return it next year for the 2017 winner.

Additionally, he/she will have their own personal trophy to have and keep to prove their skills and ability to outplay their opponents during this year's tournament.

COME JOIN US, WEDNESDAY OCT 19TH, REGISTRATION STARTS AT 5:45 IN THE CASINO. HAVE A GREAT TIME AND SUPPORT THE MIA/POW COMMITTEE'S WORK EFFORT!



HOLD-EM TOURNAMENT

Excitement than ever before with a greater **SAME BUT THE RULES HAVE BEEN CHANGED.** and a **Larger Jackpot** than ever!

What's the Big Deal about **No Limit Texas Hold-Em?**

The play is faster, the risks are higher and the fun is greater. It's just more fun, more competitive and full of laughs and enjoyment!!

In Texas Hold'Em, players are always faced with the ability to choose one of three options:

- 1) Check (or call).
- 2) Bet (or raise).
- 3) Fold. (In a scenario where you can check, folding makes no sense, but it's still an option.)

To call is simply to match the previous bet made (a check is the same thing, only when no bet has been made: in other words, a check is a call for free).

To fold is to throw away your hand and wait until the next deal to play again. Folding is always free.

If there has been no bet made yet, you have the option to bet. Once a bet is made, players to follow now have the option to raise the bet.

In No-Limit a minimum bet is equal to the size of the big blind, while a maximum bet is the total amount of all of your chips. (Only chips that were included in your stack before the cards were dealt for that hand count, meaning you can't add (or remove) chips during a hand.)

Once a bet has been made, the minimum you can raise is the size of the last bet. So if your opponent bets \$5, the minimum raise you can make is \$5 (for a total bet of \$10). Again, the maximum raise is the total of whatever you have in front of you or "All In"!

This year's Tournament benefits the MIA/POW Committee's effort to continue their work in support of DPPA in returning our brothers still remaining in SE Asia. If you attended last year's briefings or can't attend this year's briefing you know the tremendous impact this team has had and the effort they've made in becoming a working force within the DPPA as an accepted member of the inner working team along with the National League of POW/MIA Families whom we teamed-up with in 2015.



Our Jackpot may not be this big

Video History Project Update

The end of SOAR in 2015 marked the beginning of new things for the SOA Archive and the Video History Project. But before I get into the great things that have happened since the start of 2016 I'd like to thank some people who helped the Archives and Video History Project expand to a level not seen in past years. Terry Cadenbach was one of several people who volunteered to help at the Archive table in 2015, which freed me up to get out and talk to others. He was there every day from open to close and his help was appreciated very much. Shirley Williams also helped work the table and brought a number of signed, numbered prints from artist Joe Kline, who is known for his Vietnam era helicopter art. The prints provided much needed support for the Video History Project and we thank him for his donation. Thanks also go to Shirley for her recent donation of funds to help the VHP continue recording interviews and preserving history. Dave Marks also assisted at the table, giving me a chance to talk to those who were interested in signing up for an interview or to add their call sign/code name to the list we are compiling. Their help was greatly appreciated, without it I could not have accomplished as much as I did.

A special thanks to Joe Parnar for everything he has done to preserve the history of SOG and special operations in general. Joe put in a huge amount of work that resulted in some important additions to our archives. Because of Joe's effort we now have a laminated map of the Son Tay raid showing the target area and holding points for the air assets as well as their routes of ingress and egress. To go along with the map, Joe donated a recording of the raid made by one of the pilots. This tape also includes radio traffic of the elements on the ground. In a binder that accompanied the audio recording and map is a list of awards as well as photos of the target area. These historically important items will be on display at SOAR XL along with a binder Joe donated containing MACV-SOG summary reports from 1967. The reports were compiled by Frank Greco who granted permission for the SOA to include them in our archives. I hope everyone will stop by the archive table to take a look at them.

This year, 2016, began with an invitation for the SOA to be involved in a ceremony to be held at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky. On 28 January I met with the Public Affairs Office for the 5th Special Forces Group, Airborne to discuss the Change of Flash Ceremony scheduled for 23 March. On that day the 5th Group planned to officially change the black flash with white border back to the one worn during the Vietnam War. Behind this effort was Colonel Kevin C. Leahy, Commanding Officer of 5th Group. He is a man keenly aware of the Group's history and is striving to preserve it. I was privileged to attend the Change of Flash Ceremony on 23 March 2016. The 5th SFGA is now wearing the flash that is rich in history. Col. Leahy and Major Sztalkoper made sure members of the SOA were well taken care of. A separate tent was provided for MACV-SOG personnel, right next to the area provided for the dignitaries. After the changeover everyone was invited to the headquarters building and team area to view static displays and talk with current ODA and support members. For the January and March events, I could not have made the trips to Ft. Campbell without the aid of my two drivers, Steve Felstein and Kenyon Smith.

Video History Project Update

They went above and beyond to make sure I got where I needed to be and my thanks go out to both of them.

Prior to going to Ft. Campbell, Major Kamil Sztalkoper, the PAO for 5th Group, and I discussed a topic that had been a concern of mine for the Video History Project. We needed a secure place to store a backup copy of our interviews. Major S, as he is known to many, suggested that we use their server to store a copy and at the same time make them available to 5th Group personnel for training and historical purposes. After a number of communications back and forth we agreed to this plan, provided I could look at how the interviews were stored and ensure they could not be accessible to those who were not authorized to view them. Today, the members of 5th Group have access to a server containing our interviews. This server is not connected to the internet so the interviews cannot be accessed by unauthorized personnel. The server is also housed in a very secure area. I cannot think of a better place to store them, nor a better use for them. I am hoping to reach out to each Group to set up the same type of arrangement. So far, the interest has been high and current Special Forces members are getting the benefit of the lessons learned long ago.

In closing, I cannot emphasize enough the need for donations to the Archives and Video History Project, in the form of artifacts as well as funds. We need to both continue recording interviews and expand our archives. The interviews are not only important to our association, but they are now important to active duty personnel as well. If you have not yet been interviewed, please consider doing so this year. If you are unable to travel for any reason, let me know and we will make an effort to get to you. We also need items of uniform and equipment to preserve your history for future members of the SOA. Please clean out those old footlockers and duffle bags. Many of you have mentioned items of interest that you could donate and now would be a great time to do so. Please bring them to me at SOAR XL or ship to me at my address below. I will try to display as many items as possible at SOAR each year.

I hope to see you all at SOAR XL this October.

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George C. Morton Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

FACTS: Special Operations Association Scholarship Grants are awarded by the SOA and must be used at an accredited, Junior College, Community College, Four-year College or University for studies that will lead to a Bachelor's Degree. Each Grant is for \$1,000 per semester not to exceed \$2,000 per year (Maximum of four (4) years and paid at the rate of \$1,000 per Fall and Spring Semesters). From time to time donors will designate additional funds for other scholarship awards to our pool of applicants, and these may also be administered by the SOA.

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

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

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

INFORMATIONAL: As of June 2015, 157 young men and women have been awarded scholarships since the program began in 1983.

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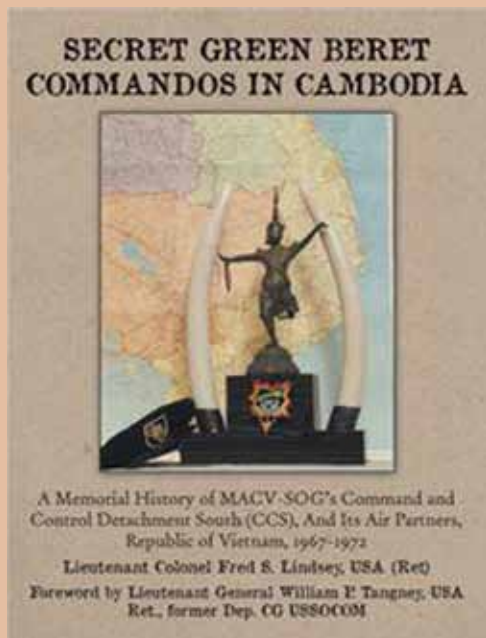
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"You have never lived until you have almost died. For those who have fought for it, life has a flavor the protected will never know."— Anonymous

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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SPAD SYMPOSIUM

About four and a half years ago, I decided to attempt to fill gaping holes in my memories and documentation of a mission I flew for RT Vermont on 5Jan70. After reading “Reflections of a Warrior”, I began internet research about the event. I discovered a picture of Doug Miller with Robert Noe. Further searching led to a website developed by Robert that contained contact information. I took a leap and sent him an email describing my interest and questions hoping that Robert might have the ability to fill in some blanks. He immediately answered one of my most compelling questions, but then did something I could have never anticipated. Robert sent my email containing my contact information out to all members of his extensive SOG related email list. Soon after, an amazing number of emails and phone calls began a series of events that have truly changed my life. That information deluge is responsible for many, many wonderful things and this announcement is one of them.

A process was begun... Wiki defines Process as “set of interrelated activities that interact to achieve a result.” The basis for the above exchange were USAF flight records. Throughout the Vietnam War in-country Spads were the primary strike aircraft to support SOG teams when required. Additionally, for some time period, more detailed “official” flight records were kept by Spad pilots and many kept other personal records or diaries. Surprisingly, a significant number of these records not only evaded SOG secrecy scrutiny, but also survived the war. Many of these records are being compiled and they are far from complete...but, they can and have made a difference.

Several of the men who contacted me and helped me with my inquiries advised me, “Ordered” me, and invited me to attend SOAR as their guest. As a result, I ended up at SOAR XXXVII in 2013, along with seven of my fellow OLAA Spad pilots. We agreed to do an informal presentation about our Spad unit that ultimately became what we now call Symposiums. These events led to another Symposium request this year at SOAR XL. Over the years, several special moments have occurred as a result of our perspective of SOG missions and unique operational information we have offered. Many of you will know what I am discussing, but I want to cite a couple of specific examples and explain why we have been asked to continue with another Symposium this year. Yes, we have exchanged information and lies, but we have also laughed and cried. Actually, these discussions have far exceeded what most attending will have realized. We want to talk about that subject and the broader topic of “potential” this year.

During our first year talk, George “Wilson” Hunt stood up and discussed an amazing Bright Light mission that had haunted him for over 40 years. It was related to the loss of a SOG Spad pilot in 1968, and occurred at least a year before any of the Spad pilots present had been in-country. Parts of the discussions were very emotional, but I told George that I would personally try to assist him in obtaining some closure. I followed up and a “process” began that has reached far beyond just finding some answers. This will be discussed in detail.

SPAD SYMPOSIUM

Another topic will be about a recent event held in Sevierville, TN, at the TN Museum of Aviation. Former SOA President John Meyer laid the groundwork and moderated this program which concerned a SOG mission with a lot of involvement of OLAA pilots. The SOG team was Operation Tailwind. A combination of team members on the ground and various Army, USAF, and Marine air assets in attendance enabled some of the most detailed discussions ever presented about a specific SOG mission. This year we will discuss this operation in some detail from the perspective of what historical accomplishments can still be attained all these years later.

Other examples are contemplated...time permitting. We also anticipate discussions about possible MIA implications and obvious SOF/SOG overall historical implications. Please attend and participate.

Don Engebretsen, OLAA Spad Pilot 1969-1970



MG(R) John K. Singlaub Jedburgh Award



The first annual MG(R) John K Singlaub Jedburgh Award was presented to Chief Warrant Officer 2 George A. Valdez, a Special Forces Soldier assigned to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) on 20 February 2016 at the U.S. Army Special Operations Command's Red and Black Ball. The award was presented by MG Singlaub (himself), LTG Ken Tovo (USASOC, Commanding General), and Treasurer Pete Buscetto, representing the SOA.

The Singlaub Award is an award created in honor and recognition of retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub's courageous actions on and off the battlefield as well as his significant contributions to U.S. Army Special Operations Forces.

Part of CW2 Valdez's citation reads: "Valdez distinguished himself during six combat and two operational deployments spanning Iraq, Afghanistan, El Salvador, and other locations. During his most recent deployment to Afghanistan, Valdez successfully led his Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha through more than 15 firefights and the disarming of 82 IED's (Improvised Explosive Devices) without the loss of a single Soldier."

CW2 Valdez received a rosewood plaque with a two-dimensional medallion bearing the raised likeness of Maj. Gen. Singlaub, donated by the Special Operations Association, and a USASOC certificate recognizing him as this year's Maj. Gen. Singlaub Award winner. In addition CW2 Valdez's name will be engraved on a command plaque displayed in the USASOC Headquarters building commemorating all future winners of the award.

Col. Miguel A. Correa, Chief of Staff for USASOC, spoke about some of the characteristics of Singlaub's, saying he is "a very spry 94 years old because earlier this morning he challenged me to a push-up competition." Though it says a lot about his character, that is not what makes Singlaub such a remarkable leader and Soldier. Maj. Gen. Singlaub is a legend among SOF warriors, a forefather of the modern day Green Beret, and has had a long and distinguished career and history in Special Operations. He served in the office of strategic services (OSS) in WWII in both France and China," Correa added. "During



MG(R) John K Singlaub Jedburg Award (Continued)

the Korean War, he helped to create the Ranger Training Center at Fort Benning, GA, served with the CIA, and commanded an infantry battalion. In Vietnam, he commanded the Military Assistance Command Vietnam-Studies and Observation Group (MACVSOG).”

The SOA is proud to be the sponsor of the award that exemplifies the courage and character of our “SOG Boss.” Congratulations to CW2 Valdez.



The Special Operations Association Participates in the 5th SFG(A) Flash Ceremony

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. The 5th SFG(A) conducted a beret flash changeover ceremony at Fort Campbell, Ky., on March 23, 2016. During the ceremony, the Group reinstated the Vietnam-era beret flash, adding a diagonal yellow stripe and three red stripes to the existing black background with white border. The colors symbolize the 1st and 7th SFG(A) Soldiers who served under 5th SFG(A) during the conflict.



For the veterans in attendance, the ceremony brought back memories of a similar ceremony in 1961, in which President John F. Kennedy authorized Special Forces Soldiers to wear the green beret.

Gen. Mark Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army, was the guest speaker for the ceremony. Milley is a former SFOD-A detachment commander in the 5th SFG(A). “Fifth Group from day one until today has always been populated by heroes. The proudest moments of my life was wearing the green beret in the 5th Special Forces Group.”

The Legion, as 5th SFG(A) is known, was officially activated on September 21, 1961. Within a year, its Soldiers were serving temporary tours of duty in Vietnam, and the entire Group was deployed there by 1965, training and leading indigenous forces, and conducting



The Special Operations Association Participates in the 5th SFG(A) Flash Ceremony (Continued)



unconventional warfare and strategic reconnaissance. These Soldiers are some of the most decorated in U.S. military history, earning 14 campaign streamers during the Vietnam conflict. Eighteen 5th Group Soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during Vietnam, nine posthumously. Additionally, three Australian SAS Regiment members were awarded the Victorian Cross for actions while attached to 5th SFG(A) in Vietnam.

To complete the ceremony, 5th SFG(A) veterans were invited onto the field to join the formation and present the new flash to current members of the Group. The veterans included many former members of the highly-classified special operations unit Military Assistance Command, Vietnam - Studies and Observations Group, wearing their own green berets that they wore more than 50 years ago. They passed through the ranks handing out new flashes and shaking the hands of the Group's current members, green berets and maroon berets alike. This act served to tie the Group's honored past together with the present. Representing the SOA Board of Directors were President Rick Estes and Director Doug Godshall. They were joined by many SOA members.

In a letter to current and former members of the Group, Col. Kevin Leahy, commander of 5th SFG(A), said the change "acknowledges 5th Group's history in the Vietnam War, the 785 Special Forces Soldiers lost in that conflict and the contributions of our Vietnam veterans to make The Legion the organization it is today."



General Membership Agenda

October 19, 2016 (1330 hrs to 1530 hrs)
The Orleans Hotel and Casino - (Esplanade)

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| I. Call to Order | President, SOA |
| II. Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms | President, SOA |
| III. Pledge of Allegiance | Sergeant at Arms |
| 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. Approval of SOAR XXXIX General Membership
Meeting Minutes as contained in the SOAR XL PRP | President, SOA |
| 2. Financial Report and Budget | Treasurer, SOA |
| 3. Approval of the 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, SOA |
| 9. SOA Riders Committee Report | Chairman Carrell |
| 10. SOA QM Sales Report | Chairman Strange |
| 11. SOA Membership Committee Report | |
| 12. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report | Chairman Keele |
| 13. Special Operations Association Foundation Report | Director Godshall |

General Membership Agenda

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| 14. MG(R) John K Singlaub Jedburg Award Report | Secretary Vines |
| 15. Farewell to SOA Board Members | President, SOA |
| a. Jimmy Nguyen | |
| 16. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers / Directors | President, SOA |
| a. Treasurer: _____ | |
| a. Director: _____ | |
| b. Director: _____ | |
| 17. Non valor Awards Presentations | President, SOA |
| 18. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members | President, SOA |
| 19. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members | President, SOA |
| 20. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members: | President, SOA |
| B. New Business: | |
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| X. For the Good of the Order | President, SOA |
| 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. | |



Special Operations Association Reunion XL

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.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

21 October 2015

The Orleans Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada

- I. Call to Order at 1333 by President Rick Estes.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Ty Furbish.
- III. Invocation and moment of silence was delivered by Chaplain Cork Motsett.
- IV. Secretary David Lucier conducted a roll call of Officers and Directors. Present were: President Rick Estes, Vice President Ty Furbish, Secretary David Lucier, Treasurer Pete Buscetto; Directors: Tom Cunningham, Bill Werther, Brian Vines, Doug Godshall, and Jimmy Nguyen.
- V. Secretary David Lucier established a Quorum. A physical headcount indicated 146 voting members present.
- VI. The General Membership Meeting Agenda was approved: Motion made by John Fryer, seconded by Clyde Sincere, and unanimously approved.
- VII. The General Membership Special Rules were approved: Motion made by David "Bulldog" Smith, seconded by Sam Todaro, and unanimously approved.
- VIII. The General Membership Meeting Minutes from 22 October 2014 were approved: Motion made by Walter (Jerry) Nator, seconded by Jess Thompson, and unanimously approved.
- IX. President Rick Estes and MG(R) Jack Singlaub presented 30, 25, and 20 year pins. The names of Members receiving 35 year pins at the Banquet were called and verified. Member Thomas Ratcliff received his 35 year pin because he could not attend the Banquet.
- X. Secretary David Lucier read the results from the election.
- XI. President Rick Estes administered the Oath of Office to Directors Tim Schaaf and Doug Godshall; and Secretary Brian Vines.
- XII. Treasurer Pete Buscetto presented the annual Treasurer's Report to the General Membership. His presentation included 2015 Actuals and the 2016 Budget. Member Doc Padgent asked how the money budgeted for the POW/MIA Program would be used. Rick Estes and Pete Buscetto explained that this was a new budgeted item based on a MOU signed between the SOA and Special Forces Charitable Trust to assist in the recovery of remains in Southeast Asia. A motion was made to approve the budget by Sam Todaro, seconded by David "Bulldog" Smith, and unanimously approved.

XIII. Brian Vines presented an update on the Nomination Committee. The General Membership was informed that next year's elections will be for Treasurer and Director Places 4 and 5. Candidates will have the opportunity to use the SOA social media sights to campaign for election.

XIV. Brian Vines presented an update on the By Laws Committee. The General Membership was informed about the Texas Legal review of the By Laws to bring into compliance with the Texas Business Operations Code, the activities of the By Laws Committee, and the inclusion of the proposed amendments into the PRP in compliance with the By Laws. A motion was made to accept the amendments to the By Laws by John "Hutch" Hutchens, seconded by Clyde Sincere, and unanimously approved.

XV. Brian Vines made a presentation to the Membership on the MG(R) John K. Singlaub Jedburgh Award. The award was approved by LTG Charles Cleveland, the outgoing USASOC Commanding General in May 2015. The USASOC Staff is currently staffing if for presentation to LTG Kenneth Tovo, the incoming USASOC Commanding General. Member Jess Thompson asked if the award could be presented to a deceased Soldier. Brian Vines will coordinate with USASOC to confirm and respond to Jess Thompson.

XVI. Rand Binford made a presentation to the General Membership on the Special Operations Association Foundation. Member John Fryer commented that he felt the The SOA was becoming involved in too many organizations. Rand Binford highlighted that the SOAF will support some of the SOA Charities.

XVII. Chris McClure provided the General Membership with an update on the Scholarship Program. Currently the Scholarship provides an \$8,000 grant to awardees over a four-year period. Chris McClure indicated that this amount may need to be increased due to rising educational costs.

XVIII. President Rick Estes provided his Annual President's Report to the General Membership.

XIX. Good of the Order: Chuck Woodson of the KIA Honor Flag Organization presented a KIA Honor Flag to the SOA with the assistance of the SOA Riders. Chuck Woodson explained his organization and how it will partner with the SOA Riders to deliver KIA Honor Flags to Gold Star Family Members.

XX. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Member Clyde Sincere to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chris McClure, and unanimously approved. There being no further business to conduct at this time, the president adjourned the Special Operations Association General Membership Meeting at 1507 hours, 21 October 2015.

Respectfully Submitted by

Brian R. Vines

BRIAN R. VINES

Secretary, Special Operations Association

Recommended Changes To The Special Operations Association Bylaws

The Board of Directors recommends to the SOA membership the following change to the SOA bylaws Article VI Duties of the Board of Directors, D Treasurer, 2. d.

The current article VI, D.2 d was approved by the membership in 2009 and reads as follows:

2.d. The Life Membership Account. This account will be established as a restricted account. When the Board has determined that the Life Membership account is viable the interest from the account may be annually transferred to the General (operations) account.

Proposed amendment to the bylaw as recommended to the membership by the Board:

Article VI, D, 2d.

d. The Life Membership Account: This account will be maintained by the Board of Directors as an emergency relief savings account. Its funds will be used for emergencies as defined by the Board.

d.1. Withdrawal of up to 50% of the fund will require the approval of a supermajority (2/3rds) of the Board.

d.2. Withdrawal of more than 50% of the fund will require unanimous approval of the Board.

Rationale for the recommended change.

When this provision of the Bylaws was adopted in 2009 it was the expectation of the Board and membership that interest rates would remain stable and eventually an annual income stream from the Life Membership dues to the General (operations) account would be established and maintained. Due to changes in the broader interest rate markets, this has not happened and will not happen in the foreseeable future. The Life Membership Account neither became “viable” nor generated reasonable interest income. The proposed amendment while setting aside the life membership dues account, it allows limited access restricting its use by the Association to only emergencies: that is to meet unexpected, unanticipated and unbudgeted expenses or to offset unanticipated declines in SOA income.

The Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute Pistol

A Handsomely Decorated Browning Hi-Power Pistol

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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Candidate for Election

Candidate for Director

Rand Binford
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For those Special Operations Association members that I have not had the opportunity to meet personally, please allow me to introduce myself – I am Rand Binford, and am honored to serve as a member of the Special Operations Association’s Board of Directors, and a member of the Special Operations Association Foundation’s Board of Directors. It has been my privilege to serve the members of the SOA for the past year as a member of the Board of Directors, and assist the efforts to plan and program for SOAR 40, charter the Special Operations Association Foundation, reach-out to the current generation of Special Operations Warfighters and Operators for inclusion in both the SOA and SOAF, and to the best of my ability, assist my fellow Directors and the Association’s Officer in the responsible oversight and management of the Special Operations Association. As a life-time member of SOA, I am committed to both the legacy and continuation of the Association’s vision, mission, and the great SOA programs focused at supporting our members and their families and their survivors, embracing the next generation of our Nation’s greatest warriors, and building upon the 40+ years of service the Association has given to our veterans’ community – and, with your support, and your vote for the office of Director, I will have the honor and privilege to serve the Special Operations Association members, their families, and their survivors for the next three years.



Candidates for Election

Candidate for Director

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For almost eight years I have served as your SOA Scholarship Committee Chairman, which has enabled me to work closely with each of the SOA boards of Directors during that period of time to help continue to build our very successful scholarship program. My work with the Board during that time has given me experience that will enable me to be an effective Director, looking out for the best interests of the SOA and all of its members. My experience for the last 40 years as a small business owner and as a principal in a larger firm has also given me skills that would be valuable to the SOA. Working with various clients, public and private, and as a participant on various non-profit Boards of Directors has given me clear insight into what I can do to make our great organization even better.

Candidates for Election

Candidate for SOA Treasurer

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I enjoy managing the SOA finances and I am seeking re-election as your SOA Treasurer. Hopefully, I can count on your continued support and your vote.

Thank you for support,

Pete "BUS" Buscetto CCS RECON SOG



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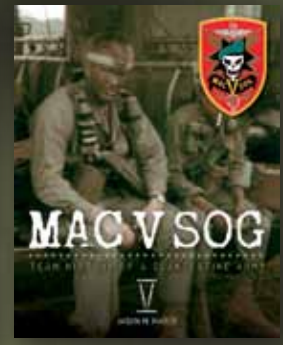
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Return of SGT Alan Boyer's Remains

On March 28, 1968, SGT Alan L Boyer, SGT Charles G. Huston and SFC George R. Brown were conducting a reconnaissance mission in Laos, along with seven indigenous personnel. The men were assigned to FOB 4, Command and Control Detachment, 5th SFGA, attached to MACV-SOG. About fifteen miles inside Laos, northeast of Tchepone, the patrol made contact with an enemy force and requested exfiltration by helicopter. Because of the terrain in the area, the helicopter could not land, and a rope ladder was dropped for the team to climb up to board the aircraft.

Six of the Vietnamese had already climbed to the aircraft, when, as the seventh climbed aboard, the helicopter began receiving heavy automatic weapons fire, forcing the helicopter to leave the area. As SGT Boyer began to climb the ladder, the ladder broke, either due to ground fire or entanglement in the trees. When last seen during the extraction, the other two sergeants (Huston and Brown) still on the ground were alive and appeared unwounded. On April 1, a search team was inserted into the area and searched six hours, but failed to locate any evidence of the three men.

Al Boyer was Missing in Action from 1968 until 2016 when forensic anthropologists of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) investigated the site turned in to the U.S. government by a Laotian national.

Al's surviving next-of-kin, his sister Judi Boyer Bouchard, was visited by representatives of Army Special Forces, DPAA and the chief of the Army casualty operations center. They presented Judi Bouchard with her brother's awards, including the Silver Star, the third-highest military decoration in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Al Boyer will be memorialized in a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. on June 22nd at the Memorial Chapel on Ft. Myer, followed by interment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery and a reception sponsored by the SF Charitable Trust. Anyone who plans to attend, please RSVP to Mike Taylor, captmike.mt@gmail.com or 360-588-4756. The SOA plans to send Director Tim Schaaf and Pat Watkins as official representatives to the funeral.



SOAR Across America ~ Fall 2016



SOAR Across America is a project being undertaken by the SOA Riders in conjunction with the 40th Annual Association Reunion. Their goal is to raise awareness of the Special Operations Association and Foundation in the civilian community, as well as support for the military and veteran community. At stops they will honor veterans and their families with visits being planned with the sick and wounded in local VA Hospitals. An additional side trip to the VA Facility in Lawton Oklahoma is on the agenda to visit with their “Special Operators” in the Alzheimer and dementia ward.

As a key element of this ride, they hope to instill a renewed sense of patriotism and duty to the nation with the people they encounter as they travel cross country to the Orleans Casino and Hotel.

This will be a hard ride with several long days on the bikes. Take a look at the map. If you live close to their route of march, make plans to join them along the way or at their RON sites. If you ride and would like to join us or even if you don't ride but are headed their way contact Tom Carrell at paintwizard2@comcast.net for additional details.

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<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Member Number</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Robert "Cotton" Leroy Skeans	2453	11-10-2015
Glenn A. Lane	418	11-14-2015
Bernard W. Newman	2017	11-29-2015
William Joseph "Bill" Dadek	1830	12-16-2015
Robert W. "Hoser" Hall	3074	01-15-2016
Michael Joseph Bingo Jr.	3186	01-15-2016
Stephanie Czech Rader	3241	01-21-2016
Tho Phung Nguyen	2999	01-26-2016
Charles L. Gray	2494	01-28-2016
Edward R. Lesesne	614	02-12-2016
Lyle Rex Hill	1675	02-12-2016
Willaim Robert "Bill" Pomeroy	2512	02-15-2016
John A. Agnew	161	02-20-2016
Frederick Albert Crane	1199	02-20-2016
Harlan "Sandy" Sandell Jr.	1680	02-25-2016
Ramon C. "Ray" Calafell Jr.	2878	04-01-2016
Alfred G. "Fred" Platt	825	04-15-2016
Jerome "Jerry" Ledzinski	3128	05-16-2016
Alan L. Boyer	MIA 28 March 1968	Accounted for 2016 Arlington Burial 22 June 2016

POW / MIA Committee Report 2016

The Special Operations Association (SOA) POW/MIA Committee continues to consist of:

Mike Taylor, Chairman

John "Tilt" Meyer, Vice Chairman

Wade Ishimoto, Liaison to Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) - East (former DPMO) and Washington, DC, activities

Jim Wheeler, Liaison to DPAA - West (former JPAC)

Cork Motsett - Liaison to other special operations associations and veterans groups

We frequently coordinate our activities with:

Special Forces Association (SFA) - Jack Tobin and Cliff Newman

Special Forces Charitable Trust (SFCT) - Terry English and David Guernsey

Ann Mills-Griffiths, Chairman of the Board, National League of POW/MIA Families

Director and staff of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)

Our year began at SOAR 39 with a great POW/MIA session featuring Ann Mills-Griffiths. During SOAR, the representatives of DPAA were able to inform us that partial remains had allowed DPAA forensic anthropologists to identify CCS, MACSOG-35 and CCN (NKP) veteran, Major Donald Gene "Butch" Carr. Don had been MIA since 6 July 1971 when he was lost serving as a FAC rider over Laos. We also heard a report from SOA member Cliff Newman, who has twice deployed with DPAA field teams searching for the remains of CCN RT Intruder. Both attempts failed due to unworkable terrain trying to go in from the Vietnamese side. Cliff's input has been instrumental in DPAA and the host nation governments agreeing to a rare tri-lateral mission inserting in Laos and entering the Vietnamese site from the Laotian side. We are all hoping the mission may launch January 2017. Each time he deploys, Cliff sets a new record for oldest SOG recon man - surpassing even Billy Waugh!

After SOAR 39, our emphasis returned to maintaining and enhancing good contacts and relationships with DPAA personnel and keeping a close eye on the DoD reorganization of POW/MIA agencies and activities. We continue very cordial and effective working relationships with action officers and the Director, DPAA. DPAA informs us they are adequately funded and feel they are being protected against budget cuts. The committee is concerned with a recent trend of experienced DPAA analysts retiring or moving elsewhere. We are also concerned that a Congressionally-suggested "goal" of 200 identifications per year could turn into a "numbers game", using strategies such as disinterments of USS Oklahoma unknowns and WWII US military unknowns in European cemeteries, which could divert resources from VN War accounting operations.

Thanks to our relationship with Ann Mills-Griffiths and the National League of POW/MIA Families, SOA was invited by the Embassies of Laos and Vietnam to attend receptions in Washington, DC. We were represented by SOA Director Doug Godshall. Both Ambassadors emphasized the cooperation of their governments in accounting for our missing comrades. Senior White House representatives also emphasized the importance of recovering our unaccounted-for

brothers-in-arms. The receptions were also attended by Ann Mills-Griffiths and DPAA Director Mike Linnington and his senior staff.

On 5 January 2016, SOA President Rick Estes and SFA President Jack Tobin signed a joint letter to President Barack Obama urging that he and his administration make expanded POW/MIA accounting cooperation a central element of their meetings with all senior members of the governments of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia at the 2016 ASEAN Summit and other associated bilateral and multilateral venues.

In January, SOA and SFA joined together to conduct a targeted search to gain additional information on specified active MIA cases. The cases and specific potential witnesses were identified by DPAA's Matt Kristoff, VN analyst and honorary member of SOA. The effort resulted in numerous leads for Matt and DPAA to pursue. We have recently begun another such search for information regarding a 1968 Bright Light mission in Cambodia. According to Matt, "Many thanks for your (SOA's) continued help and support. Just when I think I'm catching up in answering the mail, in comes another wave. And yes, it's ALL helpful! Every time you guys send ANYTHING out, I get several hits. And to a man, everyone really wants to help, they're just bothered that they don't know more than they do. Equally important, if they don't know, they tell you that, instead of just making something up." We have coordinated these requests with the Forward Air Controllers Association, USAF Air Commando Association and USMC Force Recon Association (which has close contact with many of the Marine Air Wings that supported them and, perhaps, us). All have become active in requesting their members provide input on missing personnel. To date we haven't received any input, other than "nothing to report", however, they are spreading the word and getting feedback from their members.

Thanks to funding provided by SFCT for POW/MIA activities, Tilt Meyer was able to attend the DPAA Family Update in Los Angeles. These Updates are designed to service the families, but veterans service organizations were recently allowed to attend. This gives us the chance to hear a general update briefing about DPAA and a conflict-related briefing (in our case, we attend the Vietnam War briefing.) Families also are offered one-on-one meetings with their MIA relative's case officer - a chance to learn everything the government knows about their case. I was able to attend the Update in Seattle. While there, I met the wife and niece of Jerry Shriver (CCS MIA). They met with Jerry's case officer, Matt Kristoff.

The Annual Meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families, held in Washington, DC, in June, is THE premier POW/MIA-related conference. All major USG and private sector players involved in accounting operations attend and make presentations. It is an unparalleled opportunity to learn and contribute. This year, we plan for SOA to be represented by committee members Mike Taylor and Wade Ishimoto and Director Doug Godshall. We will also represent SOA at the funeral and interment of Al Boyer (see below).

As we prepared for SOAR 40, we were informed by DPAA that DNA identification has been made of SOG MIA Alan L Boyer of Missoula, Montana. On March 28, 1968, SGT Boyer, SGT Charles G. Huston and SFC George R. Brown were conducting a reconnaissance mission in Laos, along with eight indigenous personnel. The men were assigned to Spike Team Asp, Forward Operations Base 4, Command and Control Detachment, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), attached to MACV-SOG. About fifteen miles inside Laos, northeast of Tchepone, the patrol made contact with an enemy force and requested exfiltration by helicopter. Because of the terrain in the area, the U.S. Air Force CH-3 helicopter could not land, and a ladder was dropped for the team to climb up to board the aircraft. Seven of the indigenous team members made it safely to the helicopter but, as the eighth began climbing, the helicopter began receiving heavy automatic weapons fire, forcing it to leave the area. As SGT Boyer began to climb the ladder, the ladder

broke. When last seen during the extraction, the other two U.S. members of the team, Sergeants Brown and Huston, were still on the ground, alive and appeared unscathed. On April 1, a search team led by SGT Chuck Feller was inserted into the area and searched six hours, but failed to locate any evidence of the three missing Americans and the lone Vietnamese. Al Boyer was unaccounted for from 1968 until 2016, when forensic anthropologists of the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) used DNA to identify partial remains turned over to the U.S. government by a Laotian national. We owe a great debt of gratitude for many years of arduous labor by DPAA, particularly SOA member Jack Kull, on this case. Following Al's identification, his surviving next-of-kin, his sister Judi Boyer Bouchard, was visited by representatives of DPAA, the chief of the Army casualty operations center and U.S. Army Special Forces. They presented Judi Bouchard with her brother's awards, including the Silver Star, the third-highest military decoration awarded by the U.S. Armed Forces.

Al Boyer will be memorialized in a funeral service at 1:00 p.m. on June 22nd at the Memorial Chapel at Ft. Myer, Virginia, followed by interment with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. After the ceremonies, the Special Forces Charitable Trust will host a reception at a location to be announced. SOA members who plan to attend the funeral and/or reception please RSVP to Mike Taylor, captmike.mt@gmail.com or 360-588-4756.

We hope to have two very special speakers at the POW/MIA presentation at SOAR 40. The Director, DPAA, Mr. Michael Linnington (LTG, USA, ret) plans to attend, duties permitting. Judi Boyer Bouchard, Al's sister, will speak to us from her perspective as an MIA family member.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Taylor
Chairman, POW/MIA Committee

A Note to the Membership: The Last Bright Light

Working with the SOA POW/MIA Committee for the last three years, I have come to equate the efforts of the Defense Personnel Accounting Agency (DPAA) with the last Bright Light that will be conducted for our comrades still in the AO. DPAA is the agency created in the recent reorganization of DoD's accounting operations. DPAA, both in Washington and Hawai'i, is doing a great job under difficult circumstances, but there are a couple of things we (meaning YOU) can do to help them.

1. Attend SOAR, attend the POW/MIA briefing and have an interview with DPAA representatives if you have any information or connection to an operation from which someone is still unaccounted for.
2. Write a letter to your Congressmen, both of your Senators and the Representative from your district, supporting DPAA and accounting efforts. A letter from you, as an individual constituent, carries a great deal of weight. The following recommended letter can be edited as you see fit or sent as-is. If you don't want to type it, email me at captmike.mt@gmail.com and I will send it to you digitally for cut-and-paste convenience.

Thanks and hope to see you at a SOAR,
Mike Taylor, Chairman, POW/MIA Committee

Recommended Letter

Dear Senator Last Name (or Mr/Mrs/Ms Last Name for members of the House):

The purpose of this letter is to voice my concerns and express my interest in and support for the United States Government's efforts to locate, recover, identify and account for our fallen brothers still missing from the conflict in Southeast Asia, more popularly known as the Vietnam War.

I am familiar with and applaud the efforts of the National League of POW/MIA Families to seek the fullest possible accounting for our missing from that conflict. The members of the League are bound to their missing relatives by blood and DNA. I feel no less connected to our missing brothers-in-arms through our shared experiences in the combat missions of that war. As a surviving veteran of the Vietnam War, I believe I have earned the right to have my voice added to discussions of this very important issue.

The 2013 budgetary sequestration had a devastating effect on the personnel accounting mission in Southeast Asia, and I am concerned that any future sequestration will further damage the accounting mission. These operations require lengthy coordination with our Southeast Asian host nation partners. These missions must be conducted in narrow weather windows or else be delayed for lengthy periods. The last minute cancellation of missions due to sequestration are devastating to the mission and a national embarrassment. Further, they call into question America's commitment to the mission on the part of our host nation partners and the American public. I recall that operations of the Veterans Administration were exempt from sequestration in 2013. So, too, I believe, should be the accounting mission in any future sequestration. Our missing personnel are veterans who were unable to return home. They deserve equal respect and support to that provided their more fortunate comrades. I respectfully request exemption for the accounting mission from future sequestration, should it occur.

The ongoing reorganization and unification of the Department of Defense's personnel accounting community appear to be based on sound principles of unity of command and are, no doubt, needed and well-intentioned. I realize the effort is a work in progress and the final product should not be judged until it is in place. Much good work has been and is being accomplished by hard-working and dedicated professionals in this arena. I sincerely hope their on-going efforts and contributions are recognized and they are not only protected, but also nurtured, in this reorganization. I intend to monitor this reorganization closely and will not hesitate to share my views as it unfolds.

The Vietnam War was arguably the least-supported by our citizenry, and most contentious, conflict to which our government committed our military. There are still approximately 1,621 US personnel still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. Time is running out as Southeast Asia's acidic soil conditions are destroying the remaining remains. Additionally, urban, industrial and agricultural developments are destroying loss sites and host nation requirements complicate our ability to gain access even to known locations of our missing brothers.

As a concerned citizen and veteran, I respectfully request your increased support to ensure the POW/MIA accounting mission in Southeast Asia remains a priority of the Department of Defense and is adequately staffed and resourced to ensure the fullest possible accounting for our missing brothers from the Vietnam War.

Sincerely,

Name

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Endowments, Bequests and Wills

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

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

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

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

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

I. General language for a Bequest

- A. “I give all my real and personal property to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of Brian Vines, Secretary, SOA, located at 2670 Lookout Lane, Kissimee, Fl 34746-2883, for its unrestricted use.” Or,
- B. “I give all my real and personal property to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of Brian Vines, Secretary, SOA, located at 2670 Lookout Lane, Kissimee, Fl 34746-2883 for the specific purpose of supporting (one of the following specific projects):
 - 1. The SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
 - 2. The SOA Brightlight Program Fund.
 - 3. The SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.
 - 4. The SOA Warrior’s Family Fund.
 - 5. The SOA General Fund.

II. Specific Bequest language:

- A. "I give _____ (\$\$\$ amount, description of item, e.g., car, boat, etc., legal description of real property - home, farm, etc., or a % of residue or remainder of estate, a specific asset/stock/security) to the Special Operations Association, a veteran's fraternal organization, in care of Brian Vines, Secretary, SOA, located at 2670 Lookout Lane, Kissimee, Fl 34746-2883, for its unrestricted use." Or,
- B. "I give _____ (\$\$\$ amount, description of item, e.g., car, boat, etc., legal description of real property - home, farm, etc., or a % of residue or remainder of estate, a specific asset/stock/security) to the Special Operations Association, a veteran's fraternal organization, in care of Brian Vines, Secretary, SOA, located at 2670 Lookout Lane, Kissimee, Fl 34746-2883 for the specific purpose (one of the following specific projects):
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 3. The SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.
 4. The SOA Warrior's Family Fund.
 5. The SOA General Fund.
- C. If at any time in the judgment of the governing body of the Organization, it is deemed impossible or impracticable to carry out the stated purpose of the bequest, the governing body of the Organization shall determine a purpose as near as possible to the purpose stated in the bequest.

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

- A. Giving all or a percentage of what remains of an estate after all specific bequests having been satisfied and debts and expenses have been paid (the "rest, residue and remainder of the estate").
- B. Give all or a portion of your estate in the event that a named beneficiary is not alive when the testator dies.
- C. Establish a testamentary charitable trust in one's will, with a "pour-over" clause to designate which assets are to be placed in a trust with income paid to one or more beneficiaries for their lifetime, with the trust going to the veteran's organization upon the death of the last income beneficiary.
Establish a trust in perpetuity in one's will, funded by some asset(s), (e.g., Life Insurance) with the beneficiary being the veteran's organization and the net income to be paid to the veteran's organization and to be disbursed by the governing body of the veteran's organization either for a specific purpose or in their sole discretion.

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



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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 enter any number in *\$10.00 increments* (\$10.00, \$20.00, etc.).

- ✓ Members choose **how** they want their donation to be paid by selecting one of the available options.

- ✓ Members choose **when** they want their donations to be paid by selecting the day when it is *most convenient for them* to have debit card, automatic withdrawals or credit card charges made to their accounts.

- ✓ Members **may change** any of these options at any time at their convenience. They can elect to increase or decrease the amount of their donation, how it's to be paid, when it's to be paid, from what account it's to be drawn from or can simply withdraw from the program at any time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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Special Operations Association Pre-Reunion Information

- What:** SOAR XL
- When:** 17-21 October 2016
- Where:** The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 West Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-5420 Phone: 800 675-3267
<http://www.orleanscasino.com/special-operations-association>
- Group Code:** A6SOC10 (Alpha-Six-Sierra-Oscar-Charlie-One-Zero)
Give this code to the hotel when making reservations.
- Accommodations:** Room rates and availability are guaranteed through 16 September 2016 at \$40, plus tax and resort fees Sunday through Thursday. Rates for Friday and Saturday are \$89, plus tax and resort fees.
- Hospitality Suite:** Located on the 2nd floor of the Orleans Hotel and Casino.
Hours: Monday – Thursday, 0930 – 2400 hrs.
- SOA ID Badges:** At 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 issue 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 XL.
- Banquet Seating:** After you have checked in at the registration desk, be sure to stop by the banquet seating table to reserve your banquet seat.
- End of Reunion:** All SOAR activities cease as of 1200 on Friday 21 October.
- Refunds:** All refunds must be requested through the Registrar via email, registrar4soar@gmail.com or call 910 425-1425

Special Operations Association; Registration Information

There are two (2) ways to register for the reunion:

1. Register Online on the SOA website. It is easy and secure, or
2. Complete the Registration form and mail in the enclosed envelope. Mailed forms must be received NLT 12 Oct. 2016.

If you do not receive an acknowledgment of your registration within 10 days, contact the Registrar directly.

NOTICE: On 13 Oct. Registrar will be traveling to SOAR.

Fees: There are two (2) registration choices - Full or Daily.

Full Registration is \$160.00 per person – This includes entry into the Hospitality Room Monday through Thursday, Wednesday's Luncheon and Thursday's Banquet.

Daily Registration is \$60 per day per person – This includes entry into the Hospitality Room FOR THAT DAY ONLY. The Wednesday Luncheon and Thursday Banquet are included in the daily rate for those days.

Registration Hours: M T W – 0900 – 1700; Th – 0900 - 1200

If you are pre-registered, proceed to tables, A - L or M - Z. If you did not pre-register, proceed to the Registrar's table to Register.

Name Badges: On the Registration Form, enter member and guest names as you want them to appear on the badge.

Volunteers: Volunteers are vital to the success of the reunion. Specific assistance is needed in the Registration and Security areas, please indicate your availability at the bottom of the form.

Questions: If you have any questions, call or email the Registrar, Ray Frovarp 910 425 1425, registrar4soar@gmail.com.



SOAR XL REGISTRATION

Special Operations Association Reunion

17-21 October 2016

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	

Member and Guest Names Print names below the way you want them to appear on the name badge.		Full Registration	Daily Registration				
		Enter full reunion rate beside each person's name. Wednesday's Luncheon and Thursday's Banquet is included.	Enter the daily rate beside each person's name indicating day(s) attending. Daily rate is \$60 per person per day. Wednesday includes the Luncheon; Thursday includes the Banquet.				
First Name	Last Name	Mon - Thurs \$160.00 per person	Mon \$60	Tues \$60	Wed \$60	Thurs \$60	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 and Payment Information forms and return in the enclosed envelope to:

Ray Frovarp 4072 Ardenwoods Drive, Fayetteville NC 28306-8344.

You will receive an email acknowledgement of your registration within 10 days, if you do not receive it, contact the Registrar: 910 425-1425, or registrar4soar@gmail.com.

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



PAYMENT INFORMATION FORM

(FOR SOAR REGISTRATION ONLY)

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: _____

Name as Printed On Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: (Day) _____ (Cell) _____

*Signature: _____

*(*Signature required for Credit Card Transactions)*

Submit completed form to the Registrar in the envelope enclosed:

Ray Frovarp
4072 Ardenwoods Drive
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28306-8344
(910) 425-1425, registrar4soar@gmail.com

THANK YOU



CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

If your contact information has changed, or if you would like to add emergency or next of kin information to your member record, complete this form and return it to the Registrar. This is important to ensure that you receive SOA information in a timely manner.

All information is confidential and will not be shared without the member's prior consent.

MEMBER PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

SOA# _____ Date of change _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

EMERGENCY AND/OR NEXT OF KIN

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

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Complete and return to:
Ray Frovarp
4072 Ardenwoods Dr
Fayetteville, NC 28306
910-425-1425
rmfrovarp@gmail.com



TO: Annual Members
 FROM: Pete Buscetto, Treasurer
 REFERENCE: Annual Dues

In order to register for the reunion, your dues must be current. If you have not yet paid your 2016 dues, submit \$35 online or by U.S. First Class mail.

- Online: www.specialoperations.org. The Membership link is on the top right of the SOA webpage. Click to open and click on the green Dues tab on the right and follow the prompts to pay your dues.
- By US Mail – Complete your payment information on the form below (make checks payable to SOA) and mail to the SOA Treasurer; or
- Apply for a Life Membership:
 - \$500 for members under the age of 70;
 - \$300 for members over the age of 70, with proof of age.

If your dues are more than 12 months in arrears, you may be charged reinstatement fees as well as late fees. Contact the Treasurer to determine the amount necessary to bring your membership current.

----- Cut along the dotted line and return bottom portion -----

NAME _____ Amount Enclosed \$ _____
 SOA# _____ Email Address _____
 Address _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Check this box if your contact information has changed

Mail to: Pete Buscetto SOA Treasurer
 934 Ashton Oak Circle
 Lakeland, FL 33813-5657
 863-669-7602
soatreasurer@specialoperations.org



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Quartermaster Sales

Internet Sales - www.specialoperations.org

Quartermaster: Bob Strange (989-202-2732)

EMAIL: bobstrange@QMSales.org

All 2X add \$2.00

Item	Price	#	Total
Ring, SOA 10ct gold W/ design options (includes shipping & insurance)	\$1500.00	___	_____
Ring, SOA Sterling Silver, w/design options (includes shipping & insurance)	\$500.00	___	_____
<i>Rings are Special Order through Quartermaster</i>			
MACVSOG Commemorative MOH print (includes shipping and insurance)	\$165.00	___	_____
Book, "When Terror Comes To Main Street" by Joe Ruffini	\$20.00	___	_____
Tie, Official SOA 58 " ___ 64" ___	\$25.00	___	_____
Vest, Fleece, Nylon Reversible, Black W/SOA logo S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$55.00	___	_____
Jacket, Polyester shell, mesh upper back, and nylon lower back, front and back vents W/SOA log Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$60.00	___	_____
Denim Shirt, Long sleeve, W/ SOA logo Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$36.00	___	_____
Denim Shirt, Short sleeve, W/SOA logo Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$33.00	___	_____
Polo Shirt, Dry fit W/SOA logo Embroidered, white ___ black ___ green ___ S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$35.00	___	_____
Sweatshirt, black W/SOA logo Embroidered S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$25.00	___	_____
T-shirt, Black W/ SOA Red Shield logo on back S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$14.00	___	_____
T-shirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield left chest S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$14.00	___	_____
T-shirt, Black W/SOA Red Shield left chest W/pocket S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2X ___	\$16.00	___	_____
Baseball Hat suede W/SOA logo Embroidered Black ___ Khaki ___ Camo ___	\$16.00	___	_____
Field Hat W/SOA Embroidered Black ___ Khaki ___	\$16.00	___	_____
PUC Certificate Set	\$12.00	___	_____
Belt Buckle Brass New addition raised skull	\$35.00	___	_____

Item	Price	#	Total
Coin SOA 2008 edition bronze and enamel	\$12.00	_____	_____
Coin MACVSOG PUC Commemorative edition	\$12.00	_____	_____
Coin SOA 2012 edition	\$12.00	_____	_____
Coin 50th Anniversary MACVSOG 1964 -2014	\$12.00	_____	_____
Patch Blazer- Bullion, SOA Crest	\$25.00	_____	_____
Patch, Prairie Fire gold embroidered on black background	\$5.00	_____	_____
Patch square SOA logo embroidered on black background	\$5.00	_____	_____
Patch SOA Red Shield logo embroidered 4" tall	\$10.00	_____	_____
Life Member Pin SOA round Gold _____ Pewter _____	\$5.00	_____	_____
Hat Pin SOA Red Shield 1 ½ inches	\$6.00	_____	_____
Tie, Lapel Pin, SOA Red Shield	\$5.00	_____	_____
Decal SOA Red Shield logo, outside 2 ¼ X 3 ¼ inches	\$4.00	_____	_____
Decal SOA Red Shield logo, outside 3 x 4 ½ inches	\$5.00	_____	_____

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ORDER INSTRUCTIONS:

Name _____ SOA# _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST. _____ ZC _____

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

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

Exp. Date _____ 3 digit code on back _____

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



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

**John S. Meyer
Chairman**

**SOA Operation Brightlight Committee
619-892-5983**

THE SOA OPERATION BRIGHTLIGHT COMMITTEE FACT SHEET

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

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

ELIGIBILITY: All SOA members are eligible for assistance once approved by the committee. Since 2005, 35 SOA members, and in unique cases, three (3) family members, have received some level of assistance from the Operation Brightlight fund. All SOA members who received Brightlight assistance remain anonymous to the general membership. Members who have candidates for Operation Brightlight assistance are requested to contact committee members: **John "Tilt" Meyer, (idahoonzero@sbcglobal.net) (619) 892-5983, Tim Schaaf, schaaf11t@msn.com, 951-551-1462, Rick Grabianowski, (rick@grabianowski.com), (775) 846-1138, or Pete Buscetto, ccsrecon@gmail.com, 863-669-7602.**

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

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

Revised: April 6, 2016

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SOAR Attendees/SOAR XL Tenure Pins

The following 32 individuals of the original 51 SOAR I attendees will be eligible to receive their 40-year SOA Tenure Pins during the conduct of the SOAR XL Banquet activities on Thursday evening, 20 October 2016 at the Orleans Hotel/Casino in Las Vegas. The SOA has come a long way from that week of 12 December 1977 at Caesar's Palace. The SOA Board of Officers and Directors are soliciting the assistance of every SOA member to contact, and urge these 32 members to attend SOAR XL, culminating a unique milestone in the annals of the SOA. They are:

Jim Butler, SOA # 001-GL

Frank Moore, SOA # 032-GL

Les Chapman, SOA # 002-GL

Jim Kennedy, SOA # 037-GL

Dan "Rock" Myers, SOA # 003-GL

Bob Daniels, SOA # 039-GL

Billy Waugh, SOA # 005-GL

Roger Craft, SOA # 050-GA

Cliff Newman, SOA # 006-GL

Larry Manes, SOA # 064-GL

John Fryer, SOA # 007-GL

Kent Elliot, SOA # 077-GL

Ben Lyons, SOA # 008-GL

Tom Cunningham, SOA # 079-GL

John J. Duffy, SOA # 009-GL

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Clyde J. Sincere, Jr., SOA # 010-GL

Keith Messinger, SOA # 090-GL

Don Cobb, SOA # 012-GL

Martin Wilson, SOA # 093-GA

Charles Darnell, SOA # 013-GL

Eric Anderson, SOA # 155-GL

Larry Kimmel, SOA # 014-GL

Garry Robb, SOA # 286-GL

Ricardo Rodriguez, SOA # 016-GL

Raymond Robinson, SOA # 496-GA

Dave Gordon, SOA # 020-GL

Mike Taylor, SOA # 698-GL

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Highlights SOAR 2015



Dennis Cummings and Lisa Allen receive an award of appreciation at SOAR XXXIX for their outstanding work on behalf of the Video History project. The award was sponsored by appreciative SOA member Marshall Hall of Fayetteville, NC.



Highlights SOAR 2015



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Special Thanks...



SOA president Rick Estes presented a plaque of appreciation from the Special Operations Association to commercial artist Jim Snyder for his design of the Special Operations Association Foundation (SOAF) logo. Jim did not charge for the logo or any of his time, saving the foundation the cost of commissioning a logo. Long time friends, Estes invited Jim and his wife Karen to dinner then surprised them with the award.



The SOA/SOAF leadership attended the Special Operations Forces Industrial Conference (SOFIC) and SOCOM CARE Coalition Conference on 24-26 May 2016 in Tampa, FL to engage potential donors. The success of the operation was greatly enhanced by the gratis services of John and Betty Vislosky. Pictured from L to R are: Secretary Vines, John Vislosky, Betty Vislosky, Director Godshall, Treasurer Buscetto, and President Estes.



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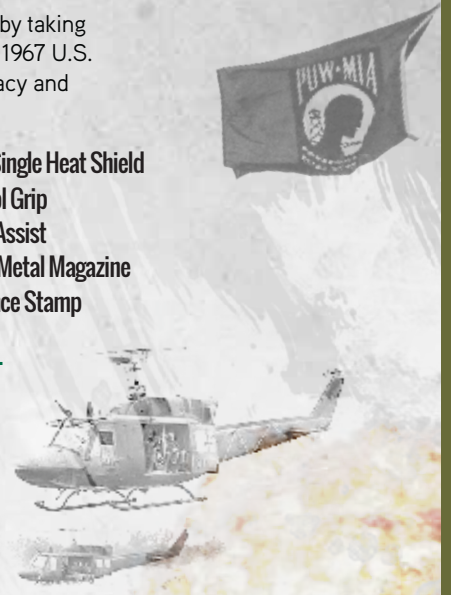
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The Drawing for the TROY Industries AR-15 (XM177E2) has been **RESCHEDULED** for SOAR XLI, 2017

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WINNER, IF NOT PRESENT AT SOAR XL WILL BE NOTIFIED NLT 1 November 2016 by Phone

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If you desire to purchase additional tickets, you are requested to contact:

CLYDE J. SINCERE, JR., President Emeritus, SOA
(435) 652-3553 or sincere@skyviewmail.com

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