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**SOAR XLIV
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THE ORLEANS HOTEL & CASINO
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Capt. Jim Butler founded The Special Operations Association in November 1976 to continue the close relations forged in combat while serving on recon team RT Python. Jim's poignant comment at the time, ***we had a special kind of brotherhood... We would have given our lives for each other and in some cases, we did***, still resonate with today's combat warriors.

MEMBER RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

The Member Recruitment Initiative is designed to grow the SOA membership in support of our primary mission, *to unite fraternally all past and present American and Allied military personnel who have conducted special operations in a combat environment.*

Membership is open to ALL active duty and retired members of a branch of the US Armed Forces Special Operations Units, who has conducted Special Operations as an operational combat element or provided direct support to the operational combat element within an assigned area of operations.

Towards that goal, we charge all SOA members to familiarize themselves with the membership criteria on page 45 and help recruit qualified combat veterans, especially the modern-day Post 9/11 combat veterans.

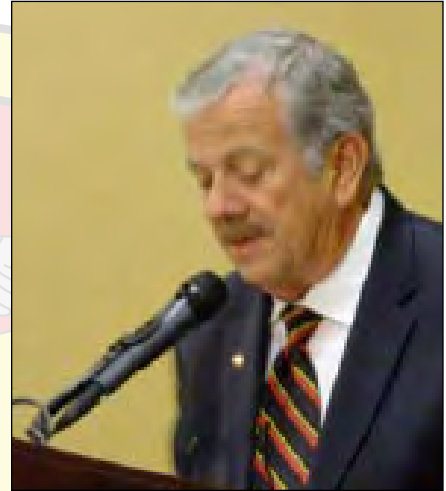


Applications are available on the SOA website: www.specialoperations.org.

President's Message

On behalf of the Special Operations Association I would like to welcome all members and guests to SOAR XLIV at the Beautiful Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas. The SOA Board voted unanimously to hold SOAR this year as we have these past years with the realization that due to the Covid Virus conditions the Association might adjust as required by conditions. We look forward to seeing old friends again as we have these past 44 years.

Our cover this year is the Logo of the Video History Project which will be officially launched for member viewing at SOAR XLIV where a sampling of the videos will be played. New interviews will be conducted as well. These interviews represent a rare collection of videos from our combat members. They will be available on the SOA website



Delivering our Banquet keynote speech this year will be U.S. Army COL Sean Berg who has a long and distinguished career within the Special Operations community. Shortly after his commissioning in 1995, he served as the Chemical Officer in 1-7th SFG(A) and the 3rd Ranger Battalion before transitioning to Special Forces. Upon SFQC graduation, COL Berg was assigned to 10th SFG(A) and commanded at every level, beginning with ODA 042 and ODA 044, and culminating with battalion command of 1-10th SFG(A) in 2014. During that stretch, COL Berg deployed to Kosovo and then performed numerous deployments to Iraq, Northern Africa, and Afghanistan. Upon graduating as a Distinguished Graduate from the Army War College, COL Berg served as the Special Operations Joint Task Force-Afghanistan/JSOC Liaison Officer to Headquarters Resolute Support in Kabul, Afghanistan. He then moved to Hawaii and served as the 196th Infantry Brigade Commander where he was responsible for supporting and validating all Army Reserve Component forces in INDOPACOM and ensuring the combat readiness of six Brigade Combat Teams. COL Berg then served as the Director for Operations, SOCPAC before assuming his current position as the SOCPAC Deputy Commander. COL Berg is a long time member of the SOA.

A new SOA Women's Auxiliary was formed this year so don't miss John Russell's article on that subject. Dennis Cumming's wrote a great article on the progress of the Video History project, be sure to read them both.

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

I wish to express my profound gratitude to the members of the SOA and our friends for allowing me to serve as SOA President these last six years. The help and assistance shown by so many of you during my two terms as President is deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten. A very special thank you to my old Mai Loc commander, Clyde Sincere, for all the support and assistance I couldn't have done it without his help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rick Estes

Seeking Brightlight Candidates

June 2020

Fellow SOA Members,

Do you know any SOA members who will not be able to attend SOAR XLIV 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, 43 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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"We who have seen war will never stop seeing it." —Joseph L. Galloway

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REQUEST FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



The Special Operations Association (SOA) is seeking a Chairman to lead the Membership Committee.

The primary responsibility is Committee oversight in vetting applications for membership, researching units and managing the membership management database, ensuring the confidentiality of SOA member records.

The only prerequisite is a desire to serve the SOA and the membership.

A computer is furnished, and instructional assistance will be provided as needed. A working knowledge of Microsoft Office is preferred.

If you are interested in this challenging, yet rewarding position, contact the undersigned.

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Master Events List

Current as of 6/16 (Subject to Change)

SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER

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

SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER

- 0800-1200: Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room),
President Estes
- 0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0800-1200: Vendor Setup (Vender Area, Mardi Gras Ballroom),
Clyde Sincere

MONDAY, 19 OCTOBER

- 0800-1200: Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room),
President Estes
- 0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
- 0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
- TBD: Planning and Budget Committee Meeting (Board Room),
Treasurer Devon

TUESDAY, 20 OCTOBER

- 0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
- 0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
- 1400-1500: Special Operations Medical Threats (Suite TBD), Doc Padgett
- 1900-2130: SOA Women's Auxiliary Committee Meeting (Suite TBD),
John Russell

Master Events List (Cont'd)

WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER

- 0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0800-1030: “Unaccounted-For” Memorial Breakfast (**Postponed to 2021**)
- 0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
- 0930-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
- 1030-1200: King Bee Aviation Symposium
- 1200-1300: Lunch (Mardi Gras Ballroom)
- 1330-1530: SOA General Membership Meeting (Esplanade Room),
President Estes
- 1530-1630: Door Prizes (Esplanade Room), Clyde Sincere
- 1600-1700: Liquor Tasting – Explore Tanqueray, It’s What You Put In It...
(Suite TBD), Bill Werther

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER

- 0800-0930: CCS Breakfast
- 0800-1200: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0900-1200: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
- 0930-1200: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
- 1000 : Silent Auction Closed
- NLT 1200: All Vendors must be out of Mardi Gras Ballroom
- 1300-1400: Rehearsals (Mardi Gras Ballroom), President Estes
- 1530-1720: Cocktails (Esplanade Room)
- 1730-2030: SOAR Banquet
- 2030-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
- 2100-2300: DJ/Dancing (Esplanade Room), President Estes

FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER

- 0800-1200: Movement of SOA property to Storage Facility, Volunteers
- 0800-1000: Selective SOA Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room),
President Estes
- 0930-1200: Hospitality Room (Salon H), open bar
- 1200: Hotel Check-out

Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment

The Special Operations Association is pleased to announce that four more members have been selected for induction as Distinguished Members of the Special Forces Regiment. Please offer your congratulations to LTC (Ret) Mike Taylor, and MAJ (Ret) John “Doc” Padgett, and SGM (Ret) Harold “Jake” Jacobson. COL Pezzelle passed away 2 April 2001. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Ordinarily, this announcement would follow the award ceremony. However, due to DoD restrictions pertaining to COVID-19, award ceremonies of this nature, including the presentation of the Singlaub Award, have been postponed until further notice. Nonetheless, this delay cannot diminish the tribute about to be bestowed on these outstanding members of the SOA.

ROGER M. PEZZELLE COL US SPECIAL FORCES (RET)

Roger M. Pezzelle joined the Army as a private in 1943, graduated from Officer Candidate School and served in the infantry in Italy during World War II. He volunteered for Special Forces (SF) from the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, where he was a company commander.

As a First Lieutenant and Captain, Roger Pezzelle was an “Original” member of the 10th Special Forces Group in 1952. He commanded an Operational Detachment A for five years and simultaneously served as Assistant Group S3 (Operations). Another “Original”, DMOR Clyde Sincere remembers, “He contributed immensely during our formative years commencing in mid-1952. I remember well then-Captain Pezzelle roaming around Smoke Bomb Hill as one of our primary instructors. He had been a WWII veteran. He was a quiet gentleman/officer that never got excited and was respected by all who he came in contact with. He deployed with us to Bad Tolz, in 1953 and was key both on his team and in the S3, especially on many of our exercises throughout Europe in the early days (1953-56).”

In 1953, CPT Herbert R. Brucker, a veteran of the OSS, commissioned Mutze Muller, a German haberdasher to create green

berets for 10th Special Forces Group. Then-1LT Pezzelle was the first to adopt it as the unofficial headgear for his A-team, Operational Detachment FA32. They wore it whenever they went to the field for prolonged exercises. Soon it spread throughout all of SF, although the Army refused to authorize its official use until President John F. Kennedy made his fateful visit to Ft. Bragg and was so impressed by what he learned there.

10th Special Forces Group adopted a Trojan Horse Badge in 1955 and began adorning their Green Berets with them in 1956. CPT Pezzelle designed the Trojan Horse Badge. Pezzelle found inspiration for his design from a French parachutist badge. He created the Trojan Horse Badge and engaged a local jeweler Eichmann in Bad Tolz to craft it. The Trojan Horse Badge was worn on the beret above an SF soldier’s left temple. The badge was worn until 1962 when it was replaced by the SF distinctive unit crest and beret flash worn by all of SF.

In 1964, he was the Special Forces advisor assigned to Joint US Military Advisory Group, Thailand (JUSMAG-Thai). He developed three camps where US Special Forces trained Thai Special Forces in counterinsurgency operations.

Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment (*Cont'd*)

In 1966, he was Deputy Commanding Officer, 6th Special Forces Group. Later in 1966 he became Executive Officer Company D, 1st SFG, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The company deployed to Thailand and was re-designated 46th SF Company in 1967.

In 1967, he became Director, Special Forces Doctrine at Ft Bragg, NC.

In January 1969, Chief, JUSMAG-Thai, submitted a by-name request that Pezzelle return as Senior Advisor, Northeast Thailand, the scene of the heaviest insurgency threat in Thailand. Shortly thereafter, US Ambassador Unger brought him to Bangkok to head the counterinsurgency office in the US Embassy.

In March 1971, then-COL Pezzelle became the Director, Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG) OP30 (Operations and Training Studies), the staff section that directed all MACV-SOG operations in Southeast Asia.

He shifted to Director, MACV-SOG OP-35 (Ground Studies Group) from July 1971 through February 1972. He was in command of Command and Control North (CCN), Command and Control Central (CCC) and Command and Control South (CCS) as they executed reconnaissance and exploitation operations in Laos, Cambodia and the Demilitarized Zone between North and South Vietnam during the toughest era of the war in their area of operations.

In 1973, while posted to US Pacific Command, Honolulu, HI, COL Pezzelle proposed the mission and tentative composition of the Joint Casualty Resolution Center, the US Government's initial organization to resolve missing and unaccounted personnel from the Vietnam War, on three type-written pages. His proposal was immediately adopted by DoD and

initially manned by Special Forces personnel, commanded and led by Special Forces legends BG Bob Kingston and COL Charlie Beckwith.

COL Pezzelle's final active duty assignment was Chief, Special Operations Division, J3 (Operations), Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He worked tirelessly to overcome what he saw as the impediments to special operations, a general lack of understanding, resource limitations, and intra- and inter-service rivalries. He strived mightily to address requirements of US special operations forces in the next decade to overcome these handicaps. He actively urged interdepartmental coordination, proper recruitment and training, and increased use of advanced technology. Above all, he favored a joint special operations organization at the national level that would be capable of long-range planning, interdepartmental coordination and effective response to the National Command Authority. His ideas and proposal clearly led to the formation of SOCOM as we know it today.

While serving in the Army, Roger Pezzelle graduated from the University of Maryland, the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College.

After retiring from military service in 1974, he settled in the Washington area and held technology-related positions with BDM Corp. in McLean, VA, and other firms. COL Pezzelle was a founding member of Chapter XI Special Forces Association, was a past president of the chapter, and was active in the SFA as long as his health permitted.

COL Roger M. Pezzelle passed away on April 2, 2001, at the age of 76 after a long bout with cancer. He was buried with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment *(Cont'd)*

MICHAEL EVERETTE TAYLOR LTC US SPECIAL FORCES (RET)

1966–1967: Commanded a Rifle Platoon, a Weapons Platoon, and a Mechanized Infantry Rifle Company, 24th Infantry Division, in Germany during the height of the Cold War.

1967–1968: Completed Airborne and Special Forces training at 10th Special Forces Group, Bad Tolz, Germany. Commanded Operational Detachments A31 and B7. Completed High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) parachute training.

1968–1972: In Vietnam, commanded Operational Detachment A205, which recruited, organized, equipped, trained and deployed 5th Battalion of the II Corps Mobile Strike Force (Mike Force), 5th Special Forces Group, including numerous deployments in the battle of Ben Het. As a member of Military Assistance Command Vietnam Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG), ran cross-border reconnaissance missions in Laos and Cambodia, served as an operations officer at SOG headquarters and commanded a SOG launch site (which included flying often as a FAC rider supporting deployed reconnaissance teams.)

1973–1974: Commanded Operational Detachment A44 (the HALO detachment) 46th Special Forces Company, Lop Buri, Thailand. Trained and advised Thai SF HALO training.

1980–1983, 1984–1986: Special Forces training and advisory tours with Saudi Arabian and Egyptian special operations forces for six years. These tours included deployment with an Egyptian hostage rescue mission and establishment of a Saudi counterterrorism force.

1986–1990: Served in Special Operations Command Pacific (SOCPAC) with responsibility for theater-wide antiterrorism

and force protection programs in the US Pacific Command, to include deployed Special Forces units. While in this billet, completed Army War College.

1990–1991: Led an SF advisory team with a Saudi Arabian National Guard Battalion throughout Desert Shield and Desert Storm. This battalion led the attack which expelled invading Iraqi forces from the Saudi city of Al Khafji and restored the Saudi border. During this battle, he led the rescue of two 6-man USMC reconnaissance teams surrounded and cut off in Al Khafji.

1996–2000: Following retirement, served as a senior Department of the Army Civil Servant responsible for antiterrorism and force protection of US Army units in Saudi Arabia to include Special Forces deployed to the AOR. He was hired after a deadly terrorist attack on the Office of the Program Manager, Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program. Months later, in the aftermath of the Khobar Towers bombing, the DoD Task Force led by retired GEN Wayne Downing cited Mike Taylor's program as the best encountered in their theater-wide investigation.

Served multiple terms as Vice President, Special Operations Association. Initiated formation of the Joint Special Ops Association/SF Association POW/MIA Committee. His leadership led to the SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee receiving the National League of POW/MIA Families Award.

Awards: Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for valor and six oak leaf clusters, four Air Medals (two with "V" Device for valor). DOD Antiterrorism Lifetime Achievement Award.

Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment (Cont'd)

JOHN E. PADGETT, PA-C EMERITUS, PHD MAJ, US SPECIAL FORCES (RET)

Major John E. “Bac Si” Padgett served 28 years in U.S. Army Special Forces as a Special Forces Medic, and then another decade as a Civil Affairs Physician Assistant and Public Health Team Leader.

He began his 38-year military career in 1965, completing Infantry and Airborne training, after which he volunteered for Special Forces. He graduated from the Special Forces Medic Course in January 1967, volunteered for Vietnam and almost immediately deployed to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne). Padgett served 42 months as a 5th SFG(A) Medical Sergeant, the entire time in combat assignments for which he repeatedly volunteered. Initially he was assigned to two A Camps (A-221 and A-227), where he trained and led indigenous personnel in the field, as well as operated the camps dispensaries. When these camps closed, he again volunteered for combat, this time with the II Corps MIKE Force. Once again, he wore three hats—instructing medical care to indigenous personnel, treating the wounded and injured, and fighting the enemy with the MIKE Force. In 1969 — 70, Padgett served a one-year tour in Thailand with the 46th Special Forces Company, training and medically supporting the training of indigenous soldiers.

Despite his already considerable combat service, Maj. Padgett then requested another Vietnam tour, this time with Military Assistance Command Vietnam — Studies and Observations Group, (SOG), the war’s top secret, covert operations unit. He was assigned to SOG’s Command & Control Central, (CCC), the element responsible for cross-border operations deep behind enemy lines in northern Cambodia and southern Laos. In addition to

supervising the unit dispensary where most of the wounded indigenous soldiers were treated, he was medical NCOIC for two company-size Hatchet Forces, which were organized similar to the 5th SFG(A) MIKE Forces.

Maj. Padgett’s most harrowing SOG duty was flying MEDEVACs for wounded SOG personnel along the heavily defended Ho Chi Minh Trail logistics corridor in southern Laos. This area swarmed with thousands of enemy soldiers and bristled with anti-aircraft guns, making every MEDEVAC especially dangerous. On 13 September 1970, for instance, Padgett volunteered to help extract casualties during Operation Tailwind, a company-size raid deep into Laos. When Padgett’s HH-53 could not land, he had another medic hold his legs at the aft ramp of the hovering helicopter while he attempted to pull up three badly wounded men amid heavy small arms and RPG rocket fire. Their bullet-riddled helicopter had to lift away only to crash-land nearby. While Padgett treated passengers and crew at the crash scene, a second HH-53 arrived to extract them and it, too, was shot down. Finally, they were rescued by a third HH-53. For this mission, Maj. Padgett was awarded the Air Medal for Valor. When not afield on SOG missions or flying MEDEVACs, Padgett often spent his free time providing medical assistance to a civilian leprosarium, a local orphanage and the Minh Qui Montagnard Hospital in nearby Kontum, Republic of Vietnam.

In addition to the Air Medal, Maj. Padgett was awarded 7 Bronze Stars (three with V Device), and five Army Commendation Medals for Valor during his 42 months’ Special Forces combat service.

Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment (Cont'd)

Departing active duty, Padgett joined the 12th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and served an additional 22 years, for a total of 28 years wearing the Green Beret. While with the 12th SFG(A), he led the first ever U.S. Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) missions to Kazakhstan and Mongolia where he operated on civilian and military patients and taught new surgical techniques.

Continuing his medical education, Padgett completed Physician Assistance Studies at the University of Washington and later earned a doctorate in Health Science from St. George University, and was commissioned in 1992 as a Physician Assistant (PA).

Afterward, he served an additional ten years as a PA and Public Health specialist with the 426th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne). In March 2003, Maj. Padgett volunteered for Operation Iraqi Freedom, leading a Public Health Team of the 490th Civil Affairs Battalion. Arriving in Baghdad soon after its capture, he found gutted and looted hospitals, a polluted water system and, he told a journalist, “shortages of everything from cancer drugs to simple antibiotics and cough medicine”. Under his leadership, Maj. Padgett’s team raided Saddam Hussein’s personal hospitals for badly need medicines and medical devices; set up training programs for Iraq’s medical and veterinary colleges; reequipped and reopened 35 hospitals; addressed the diseases and injuries of numerous Iraqis; brought water treatment plants back on line; restored the lights at the city’s airport; and he personally instituted and edited the first issues of, “The Iraq Journal of Medicine”.

In addition to his military service, Maj. Padgett’s spirit of volunteerism has helped the oppressed around the world. Three times in the mid-1980s, he traveled to war torn El Salvador and neighboring Honduras to

provide badly needed humanitarian assistance. He taught basic medical classes, conducted his own Medical Civic Action Program (MEDCAP) in El Salvador’s Morazan Province and trained helicopter crews in MEDEVAC procedures.

Maj. Padgett’s wife, USAF Major (R) Vicki Chan-Padgett, has volunteered with him for Refugee Relief International, which provides free medical care to refugees of wars and disasters. In the 1990s, for instance, they traveled to Tanzania to help refugees from the Rwandan genocide; they aided Karen tribal refugees who fled Myanmar; they ministered to sick and injured Cambodian victims of the Khmer Rouge; and most recently, provided medical training in Syria to physicians and medics of the prodemocratic Free Syrian Army.

In support of our veterans in need, Padgett served on the Advisory Board for Veterans Village, a Nevada institution that assists veterans, especially helping the homeless obtain affordable housing. For two years he also provided free weekly sick calls for these former servicemen and women.

And finally, in support of those who today wear the Green Beret, Maj. Padgett and his wife personally sponsor a college scholarship for surviving spouses and children of Special Forces medics killed in action, “to recognize the courage, sacrifice and duty to country demonstrated by members of the U.S. Army Special Forces”.

From saving lives in Southeast Asia combat to teaching medicine in Latin America; from reestablishing vital medical services in Iraq to performing surgery in remote regions of Mongolia—throughout his 38-year career, Maj. Padgett has been the epitome of a Special Forces soldier and brings great respect and credit to the Special Forces Regiment.

Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment (Cont'd)

HAROLD “JAKE” JACOBSON SGM US SPECIAL FORCES (RET)

SGM Jacobson served in the US Army from July 1947 to May 1977. He served in the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team (Rakkasans) in Korea and Japan from 1951 to 1955 and in the Special Forces (SF) Regiment from January 1958 to May 1977. His SF experience included:

1958–1960: Weapons NCO on an A Detachment, 77th Special Forces Group (Airborne) (SFGA), to include airborne operations with Special Atomic Demolition Munitions. Attended Radio Operator School and became C Team Communications Chief.

1961–1965: Three TDY tours to Vietnam with 1st SFGA. Intelligence NCO on the first of two A Detachments from 1st SFGA to be sent to South Vietnam in November 1961. Trained graduates of the Thu Duc Military academy that were assigned to the Vietnamese Special Forces (LLDB) in airborne operations. Also trained handpicked individuals from the “Public Safety Office” (the Vietnamese equivalent of the CIA) in Airborne and Ranger Training. They formed an Airborne Ranger Company. On second tour (new detachment), was Demolitions Sergeant, provided special instruction on explosives and demolitions to select individuals of the Combat Police. Third tour (new detachment) split between two Rhade villages northwest of Ban Me Thuot, Buon Wing and Buon Ying. These camps were later closed. Other TDY deployments to Korea, Thailand and Taiwan.

1965–1966: 6th SFGA Group Training NCO/Officer

1966–1967: Company D, 1st SFGA was formed for assignment to Thailand. Assigned to the first B Detachment as Senior Engineer Sergeant, and also as the Operations Sergeant.

This Company became the 46th Special Forces Company in Thailand. Trained Thai soldiers in counterinsurgency. Received Soldiers Medal for rescuing trainees drowning in a river near Lomsak, Thailand. Also involved in a classified mission to Burma.

1967–1972: After returning to 1st SFGA, taught Escape and Evasion and Fingerprint Identification System to the Philippine Army Special Forces. Upon return to Okinawa, assigned as Operations Sergeant of Detachment A-323 (SCUBA). The Detachment was involved in annual training exercises infiltrating from US Navy submarines into Korea and the Republic of China. The Detachment completed three projects to improve harbors on islands surrounding Okinawa by removing coral obstacles to navigation using underwater explosives. “Jake” requested and gained approval for three actions for the SCUBA Detachment: attendance at the US Navy BUDS/SEAL School in Coronado, California, for Advanced Diving, award of additional MOS of Diver oOB, and award of the US Military SCUBA Badge. The award of the SCUBA badge was the first for Army Special Forces. During the removal of chemical weapons from Okinawa, led an underwater security inspection of the ship transporting the chemical weapons from Okinawa. During this assignment, the SCUBA Detachment was involved in a very serious accident covering a water jump. The Detachment was split, half in pickup boats, and half aboard a Marine CH-46 Helicopter to jump on the first pass. The helicopter crashed shortly after takeoff. Three personnel were killed to include the Team Leader of A-323, Captain Walter Huczko. MSG Jacobson survived the crash and, as soon as the fire was

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extinguished, dove back in the wreckage and retrieved the bodies of 1st Sergeant Sparkman and his Commander, CPT Huczko. The third casualty was a US Marine who was pinned under the helicopter.

During this tour of duty, joined the Special Forces Decade Club, later renamed the Special Forces Association (SFA). Played major role in forming Chapter II on Okinawa, was the Vice President (VP) and later served as the President. Supported Mark Tocci in creating a Chapter newsletter known as "The Rag". Instituted ways to honor 1st SFGA personnel that were Killed in Action and to assist their families.

1972: Assigned as Sergeant Major/Chief Operations Sergeant of Test 2, Office of Sec Def, Fort Stewart, GA. The "Williamson study" was a three state (GA, NC and SC) evaluation of their Combat Readiness.

1973–1977: Advisor to the 12th Special Forces Group (USAR). Advised an SF Company in San Pedro, an SF Company in San Diego, and several Detachments in Arizona. Trained three A Detachments in the use of SCUBA, one in San Pedro, one in San Diego, and one from San Francisco. Gained PADI certification for the trainees.

Formed Chapter XII of the SFA during this assignment; served as the Secretary and later the President. Retired at Fort Ord in 1977.

1978–1983: Defense contractor training the Saudi Arabian National Guard along with numerous other retired Special Forces personnel, all of whom worked for Vinnell Corporation.

1983–1996: Active in many SFA events while living in California and then moving to Florida. In 1987, took the lead in creating the

first reunion of former 1st SFGA personnel in Tacoma, WA. This event has continued every other year since 1987 with continued involvement and guidance from Jake.

1996–2000: President of the Special Forces Association. Highlights were responding to Army Chief of Staff General Reimer who wanted to deactivate two active Special Forces Groups and to change the A Team TO&E reducing the Team Sergeant's grade from E8 to E7. Wrote letters with strong endorsements from members of the SFA Advisory Council against both proposals. The SFA provided legal and financial assistance to the participants in Operation Tailwind in their lawsuit against CNN for televising a false version of Operation Tailwind. SFA also provided legal assistance to individuals from the 20th SFGA (National Guard) who were falsely identified as co-conspirators in a book about the assassination of Martin Luther King, "Orders to Kill" by William Pepper. Invited to the JFK Library in Boston to attend the dedication of the "Green Beret" that CSM Francis Ruddy placed on President Kennedy's grave. Worked diligently to assist the USA Special Operations Command in helping the SF Regiment, honoring SFQC graduates, and gaining more active duty members for SFA. Coordinated with Senator Jesse Helms (NC) on Montagnard Issues.

2001–Present: Served as Executive Director of the Special Operations Association (SOA) from 2001-2006 and was instrumental in establishing good relations between SOA and SFA. Remained active in SFA to include being VP of Chapter 43, continuing to assist in the biennial 1st SFGA Reunion, raising funds for the "First In Asia" Foundation, the OASIS Group that provides assistance to SF personnel with Veterans Administration claims and appeals, assistance to the USASOC Historian's Office on several Veritas articles, and financial

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support to SFA, SOA, Save The Montagnard People, relocation of Yu-B, Jon Cavaiani, the Green Beret Foundation and the Special Forces Charitable Trust.

Jake's Awards and Decorations include: Soldier's Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge (2nd Award), Master Parachutist Badge, SCUBA Badge, RVN Ranger Badge.

The Regimental Honors, Awards and Affiliation Program is intended to recognize those who have contributed to the welfare of the Civil Affairs, Special Forces and Psychological Operations regiments, active or reserve component, as Department of the Army civilians, or in a private capacity. The program further serves as a link between members of the regiments currently serving and those who have separated from service but continue to advance the interests of their respective regiments.

These recognized individuals serve as role models, advocates and public examples to all members of the regiments. Through their sterling example, they enhance unit morale, cohesion and esprit, and promote the war-fighting ethos, unwavering sense of pride and selfless service of today's Soldiers.

SOA's Distinguished Members of the Special Forces Regiment

Italics denotes MOH Recipient

<p>2005 Aaron BANK #827-G Wm THOMPSON #1515-G</p> <p>2007 Jimmy DEAN #123-G John SINGLAUB #108-G William WAUGH #5-G</p> <p>2008 Tyrone ADDERLY #2080-G <i>Roger DONLON</i> #1108-H Henry LUTHY #1031-G John PLASTER #726-G Walter SHUMATE #144-G</p> <p>2009 Charles AYCOCK #2399-G Isaac CAMACHO #1209-G Sully DeFONTAINE #177-G Joseph LUTZ #960-G <i>Ola MIZE</i> #1257-G</p> <p>2010 <i>Bennie ADKINS</i> #3223-G Lewis BURRUSS, Jr. #1500-G Joseph CINCOTTI #908-G George GASPARD, Jr. #350-G <i>Robert HOWARD</i> #969-G George PETRIE #818-G Eulis PRESLEY #830-G Jos. STRINGHAM #3222-G</p>	<p>Morris WORLEY #1698-G</p> <p>2011 Kenneth BOWRA #1058-G <i>Jon CAVAIANI</i> #1000-G <i>Drew DIX</i> #1966-H Walter HETZLER #2816-G James KRAUS #1506-G Willie McLEOD #2411-G Charles NORTON #871-G</p> <p>2012 Eldon BARGEWELL #1474-G Geoffrey BARKER #919-G Charles BECKWITH #550-G Armando CANALES #980-G Robert CHAREST #646-G Charles GRAY #2494-G Jerry KING #2853-G James MORRIS #531-G Clifford NEWMAN #6-G Jack TOBIN #509-G <i>Roy BENAVIDEZ</i> #965-G</p> <p>2013 Charles FRY #2074-G Glenn LANE #1718-G Willie MERKERSON #3184-G George MORTON #59-G Harris MUNCK #312-G James SPOO #3196-G</p>	<p>William TANGNEY #1460-G Melvin WICK #958-G</p> <p>2014 John CRERER #681-G Wade ISHIMOTO #2450-G Norman DONEY #665-G Claude McBROOM #768-G Richard MEADOWS #766-G <i>Melvin MORRIS</i> #3169-G Samuel WILSON #130-G</p> <p>2015 Darrell ELMORE #1611-G Thomas SMITH #138-G Lothar WILLIAMS #1366-G <i>Fred ZABITOSKY</i> #157-G</p> <p>2016 Warner FARR #1574-G Geoffrey LAMBERT #2300-G Arthur SIMONS #2364-G</p> <p>2017 <i>Franklin MILLER</i> #968-G</p> <p>2018 John MULHOLLAND #2941-G <i>Gary ROSE</i> #1528-G Clyde SINCERE, Jr. #10-G</p> <p>2019 David McCracken #3388-A</p>
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Aviation Symposium

A Tribute to the 219th Kingbees

A Kingbee tribute is planned by the SOA Board of Directors in October and we are seeking help from its members to locate any Kingbee pilots and crew members.

The highly respected Kingbee pilots and crew members who supported MACV-SOG teams throughout the eight-year secret war will be featured during SOAR XLIV's Aviation Seminar on Wednesday October 21, 2020. During our deadly war, SOG men were blessed to have air support provided by the bravest pilots in the world: US Army, USAF, USMC aviators and Kingbees. All lost fellow aviators in support of SOG men on the ground in Laos, Cambodia and North Vietnam.

The SOA BOD is asking SOA members and fellow veterans to assist Kingbee pilot An Nguyen, John "Tilt" Meyer and/or SOA Vice President Mike Taylor to contact as many former Kingbee pilots and crew members as we can. This committee is soliciting help from all members who are in touch with any Kingbee men who were attached to South Vietnam's 219th Vietnamese Air Force's Special Operations Squadron.



*SOG team leaders Don Wolken & John McGovern
at Phu Bai — FOB 1*



Captain Nguyen Van Tuong

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Meyer

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Maybe we will finally learn why the crews always told us "Kingbee go down" whether it was a routine infiltration or if we were about to crash. Talk about "pucker factor"!

Unaccounted-For Personnel Postponed Memorial Breakfast Postponed

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the anticipated reduction in attendance at SOAR XLIV, both SOA members and families of the missing, the Unaccounted-For Personnel Memorial Breakfast has been postponed until SOAR XLV in October 2021.

At the end of American participation in the Vietnam War in 1973, the number of US personnel missing (Prisoners of War or Missing in Action [POW/MIA]) and otherwise unaccounted-for (Killed in Action/Body Not Recovered [KIA/BNR]), totaled 2,646.

Sixty-three US personnel were accounted for between 1973 and 1975, the formal end of the Vietnam War. Since 1975, through the efforts of the US Government and cooperating nations, 996 US personnel have been accounted for, resulting in a total of 1,059 recovered, leaving 1,587 still missing and unaccounted-for as of March 2020.

A total of 287 have been accounted for from Laos, 42 from Cambodia, 727 from Vietnam and 3 from the Peoples Republic of China.

Extensive research has been conducted by the Joint Special Operations Association/ Special Forces Association POW/MIA Committee, with assistance from The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and volunteer researcher Bonnie Cooper, to identify those still missing and unaccounted-for who would have been eligible to join the Special Operations Association (SOA) had they returned home.

We are confident that we have identified the 140 personnel that fit that category. Ground losses of MACV Studies and Observations Group (SOG), the Mobile Strike Force (Mike Force), White Star, and other eligible Army units account for 86 personnel still missing. Eight of those men are stilled carried in the category of Last Known Alive (LKA), the highest priority of accounting efforts. Air support losses still missing total 54 (29 USAF, 3 USMC, the remainder US Army).

At SOAR XLIV, the Special Operations Association will host a Memorial Breakfast for our missing and unaccounted-for brothers-in-arms, our unreturned veterans. Guest speakers are planned from DPAA, the National League of POW/MIA Families, the Defense Intelligence Agency's "Stony Beach" Project (the only intelligence-gathering agency dedicated solely to the missing of the Vietnam War), Special Forces Charitable Trust, SOA and SFA, and families of the missing.

One of our biggest challenges is contacting the families of the 140 missing in order to inform and invite them. A list is included on the next page of this article. If you are in contact with any of these families, please tell them they can contact Bonnie Cooper via email at coop553@bellsouth.net for further information and registration details.

Members can register for the breakfast when they register for SOAR. We hope to see you there.

Unaccounted-For Personnel

Postponed Memorial Breakfast Postponed

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Biber, Gerald M.	LAO	Scurlock, Lee D.	SVN	Kane, Bruce E.	LAO
Bischoff, John M.	LAO	Cohron, James	LAO	Cecil, Alan B.	LAO
Moon, Walter H.	LAO	White, Charles E.	CAM	Huntley, John N.	LAO
Parks, Raymond F	LOA	Phillips, Daniel	SVN	Stubbs, William	LAO
Walker, Kenneth	SVN	Calhoun, Johnny	SVN	Alford, Terry L.	SVN
Jackson, Carl E.	SVN	Huston, Charles	LAO	Cavender, Jim R.	SVN
Roth, Billie L.	SVN	Lawson, Karl	SVN	Klima, James R.	SVN
Eisenbraun, Wm	SVN	Padgett, Samuel	SVN	Ware, John A.	SVN
Gallant, Henry J	SVN	Englander, Lawrence	SVN	Helmich, Gerald	LAO
Taylor, Fred	SVN	King, Paul C.	LAO	Ray, Ronald E.	LAO
Mauterer, Oscar	LAO	Condrey, George	SVN	Suber, Randolph	LAO
Badolati, Frank	SVN	Dayton, Leslie	SVN	Tubbs, Glen E.	SVN
Hodgson, Cecil J.	SVN	Jenne, Robert E.	SVN	Anderson, Gregory	LAO
Terry, Ronald	SVN	Jurecko, Daniel	SVN	Leeser, Leonard	LAO
Taylor, James L.	SVN	Perry, Thomas	SVN	Pruett, William	LAO
Gates, James W.	LAO	Robertson, John	LAO	Shinn, William C.	LAO
Lafayette, John	LAO	Lane, Glen O.	LAO	Sutton, William	LAO
Deere, Donald T.	SVN	Owen, Robert D.	LAO	Boyle, William	LAO
Laws, Delmer L.	LAO	Wofkeil, Wayne	LAO	Allen, Henry L.	LAO
Taylor, Danny G.	SVN	Lawrence, Gregory	LAO	Brassfield, Andrew	LAO
Echevarria, Ray	LAO	Stride, James D.	LAO	Little, Danny L.	SVN
Jones, James E.	LAO	Wester, Albert	LAO	Wilson, Harry T.	LAO
Williams, Eddie L.	LAO	Herreid, Robert	SVN	Ryder, John L.	SVN
Hunt, William B.	SVN	Birchim, James D.	SVN	Sanders, William	LAO
Bott, Russell P.	LAO	Copley, William	LAO	Bookout, Charles	LAO
Dyer, Irby III	LAO	Stuifbergen, Gene	CAM	Davidson, David	LAO
Stark, Willie E.	LAO	Albright, John S.	LAO	Gassman, Fred A.	LAO
Sulander, Daniel	LAO	Clarke, Fred L.	LAO	Wilson, Peter J.	LAO
Borja, Domingo	LAO	Dailey, Douglas	LAO	Smith, Ronald E.	LAO
Carpenter, Howard	LAO	Donahue, Morgan	LAO	Green, George C., Jr.	LAO
Small, Burt	SVN	Fanning, Joseph,	LAO	Bunker, Park G.	LAO
Hallberg, Roger	SVN	Walker, Samuel	LAO	Mixter, David I.	LAO
Stewart, Jack	SVN	Scherdin, Robert	CAM	Taylor, James H.	LAO
Wroblewski, Walter	SVN	Kroske, Harold,	CAM	Berg, George P.	SVN
Dexter, Ronald J.	NVN	Evan, William A.	CAM	Demsey, Walter, Jr.	SVN
Seymour, Leo E.	LAO	May, Michael F.	CAM	Johnson, Gary L.	SVN
Almendariz, Samuel	LAO	Rex, Robert F.	LAO	Lloyd, Allen R.	SVN
Sullivan, Robert	LAO	Murphy, Barry D.	CAM	Watson, Ronald	SVN
Anspach, Robert	CAM	Davis, Ricardo G.	LAO	Woods, Gerald E.	SVN
Adams, John R.	LAO	Shriver, Jerry M.	CAM	Lilly, Carroll	LAO
Baxter, Bruce R.	LAO	Bessor, Bruce C.	LAO	Krupa, Frederick	SVN
Brower, Ralph W.	LAO	Scott, Mike J.	LAO	Bingham, Klaus Y.	SVN
Clay, Eugene L.	LAO	Ramirez, Armando	CAM	Luttrell, James	SVN
Kusick, Joseph G.	LAO	Montez, Anastacio	SVN	Pearce, Dale A.	SVN
Maysey, Larry W.	LAO	Burns, Michael	LAO	Soyland, David	SVN
		Neal, Dennis P.	LAO	Entrican, Danny	SVN
		Janousek, Ronald	LAO	Strohlein, Madison	SVN
				Berg, Bruce A.	SVN

Authors' Book Signing

Tuesday, 20 October 2020 the SOA will conduct its second SOA Author's Book Signing Event. The first Event was a total success with nine (9) Author's participating. This year the SOA plans to double the time to four and one-half (4-1/2) hours commencing at 1300 hours. The session Room has yet to be determined, but it will be one of the Alphabet rooms along the second floor heading to the Mardi Gras Ball Room. Chuck Woodson, SOA Reunion Chairman, promised me he would secure the largest room available for this event. As of this time, of the 16 slots available, five (5) have already been spoken for. If you are an Author, and a Member of the SOA, you owe it to yourself to "tout" your book to your fellow Comrades-in-Arms, and Guests attending SOAR XLIV. "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED".

Dependent on the number of Participants, the plan is if there are 16 Authors, each will have 10 minutes to "tout" his Book, and Members and Guests will have five (5) minutes to ask you questions. If you have two (2) Books, your time will be doubled. There will be two (2) fifteen minutes breaks during the session for Refreshments and "personal visits". If per chance, there are less than 16 Authors, time to "tout" your Book will be adjusted.

I request each Author provide me with a one (1) page synopsis of your Book to include where a Member not in attendance can secure a copy. I plan to publish your synopsis in the SOAR XLIV AAR. Additionally, the SOA will advertise your Book on the SOA Web Site. Also, you may consider placing a one-quarter, or even larger Advertisement in the SOAR XLIV AAR. See your SOAR XLIV PRP for details. **Your Call. No Obligation Whatsoever.**

Also, during the conduct of SOAR – specifically, all day Wednesday, and Thursday morning between 0930 and 1130 hours, I will have a couple of tables available in the SOA Vendor Area for you to share with the other Authors to sit at, Autograph, and sell your Books. There is NO FEE to you for this event activity.

I would, however, appreciate you considering autographing a copy of your Book to the SOA, and donating it to the SOA Archives.

Finally, any queries whatsoever, don't hesitate to contact me. All I ask is that you email me your telephone number first if you elect to call. I receive far too many "odds and ends" solicitations, that I've taken to answering only phone numbers I recognize. Thank you.

I may be contacted as follows:

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TAPS

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

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

MAY THEY REST IN ETERNAL PEACE

Member Name	SOA#	Date of Death
Bennie G. Adkins	3223-G	4/17/2020
Thomas Lee Allen	3245-G	4/2/2020
Roy W. Bahr	315-G	2/7/2020
Stephen S. Beitler	2278-G	5/1/2020
Gene M. Bland	450-G	3/22/2020
Charles D. Boatright	1697-G	5/1/2019
Hugh R. Burns	957-G	3/25/2020
Terrell A. Dahling	2463-G	5/16/2020
Perry H. Davis	1324-G	6/14/2002
Geoffrey E. Fullen	587-G	2/8/2020
Johnnie B. Gilreath	2416-G	6/1/2020
Jerrald Ginder	618-G	5/5/2020
John H. Gunnison	2987-G	3/21/2020
John Holder	3002-G	5/28/2020
Victor J. Hugo, Jr.	1486-G	5/10/2020
Frank Jaks	213-G	4/5/2020
Reginald Wayne Jones	1345-G	7/30/2013
Alexander Jongbloed	666-G	6/6/2020
David S. Keith	2768-A	10/13/2019
Ronald C. Mickelsen	1011-G	1/20/2020
Tai A. Moc	2435-O	1/21/2020
Floyd Russell Mulvany	334-G	6/18/2019
Billy J. Phillips	617-G	11/21/2017
Bobby Richardson	2211-G	5/13/2020
Garrett "Garry" Robb	286-G	2/14/2020
Sterling S. Smith	1821-G	10/14/2015
Bryan O. Stockdale	234-G	5/18/2020
Floyd D. Washburn	1672-A	2/18/2020

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

Special Operations Association Women's Auxiliary Committee

On February 2, 2020, during an SOA-BODs meeting, the said BODs unanimously approved the formation of a new SOA Women's Auxiliary Committee (SOA-WAC) for the purpose of aiding and supporting the women of our members whom may be ill, or in declining health, as well as the widows of our deceased veteran members. The committee will also exert efforts to assist in the increase of our membership by contacting all inactive members to apprise them of the success currently enjoyed by active members, and to encourage the inactive members to become active.

As our membership is declining through either age-related, health, and other issues, our SOA-WAC will also exert efforts to contact the wives and relatives of our current active duty Special Operation warriors to encourage their interests in becoming members of the SOA.

At our very first Committee, we will be electing a new Committee Chair, and will also address any mandatory new business that will enable the committee to move forward successfully. The Committee will be fully accountable to the President of the SOA, and/or anyone he may appoint to assist, or in his stead.

The SOA-WAC's founder and interim Committee Chair is John Russell whom will be available to answer any questions, or address any comments and/or issues about the SOA-WAC. John may be contacted via his email address of **johnr7940@gmail.com**, or **zack4000@cox.net**, the latter email address will be slowly phased out. John may also be contacted at (949) 677-6567, or (949) 698-4616 (the latter preferred).

The SOA-WAC is recruiting anyone whom may wish to volunteer to help make this committee successful, and we will appreciate all positive comments and financial donations from authorized donors of the SOA.

Thank you,

John Russell
Interim Committee Chair

COVID-19 Statement

The Covid-19 Coronavirus pandemic will impact the conduct of the 2020 SOA XLIV reunion. All SOAR attendees must agree to follow the laws of the state of Nevada, City of Las Vegas and the regulations of the Orleans Hotel and Casino during the SOAR Convention.

THE ORLEANS

The Orleans has implemented a comprehensive set of protocols called “Boyd Clean” making guest health and safety their number one priority.

The guidelines can be viewed online. Visit the site often as they may change before the reunion:

<https://www.orleanscasino.com/boyd-clean>.

NEVADA HEALTH RESPONSE SITE

<https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov>.

Members and guests attending the reunion will be expected to acknowledge in writing they have investigated the Covid-19 Virus and possible adverse health effects on themselves while attending SOAR and will hold the Special Operations Association harmless and at no liability for adverse health consequences from attending the SOAR XLIV Reunion.

We appreciate the Orleans efforts and look forward to seeing you at SOAR XLIV.

Special Operations Association
SOAR XLIV

Standing Rules of Order

Special Operations Association Reunion XLIV 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.

Standing Rules of Order (Cont'd)

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.

General Membership Meeting Agenda

**Special Operations Association
General Membership Meeting
21 October 2020
The Orleans Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada**

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| I. Call to Order | President Estes |
| II. Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms | President Estes |
| III. Pledge of Allegiance | |
| IV. Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs, and POWs | Chaplain Padgett |
| V. Roll Call
SOA Board of Officers/Directors -President Estes, VP Taylor,
Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Devon, Director Padgett, Director
McClure, Director Leites, and Director Rivero, Director Haase | Secretary Jensen |
| VI. SOA Special Staff Members Present. | President Estes |
| VII. Introduction of Guests | President Estes |
| VIII. Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present,
and if a quorum present | President Estes |
| IX. General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda. | President Estes |
| X. Business Meeting: | |
| A. Regular Business: | |
| 1. Approve SOAR XLIII General Membership Mtg Minutes
(SOAR XLIV PRP) | President Estes |
| 2. Financial Report and Budget | Treasurer Devon |
| 3. SOA Scholarship Committee Report. | Chair McClure |
| 4. SOA Brightlight Committee Report. | Chair Padgett |
| 5. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report | Chair Cummings |
| 6. SOA Warriors Family Committee Report. | Chairman Boner |
| 7. SOA Chaplain's Report. | Chaplain Padgett |
| 8. SOA Riders Committee Report | Chairman Whitt |
| 9. SOA QM Sales Report | Chairman Strange |
| 10. SOA Membership Committee Report | Chairman Frovarp |
| 11. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report | Chairman Keele |
| 12. By-Laws Committee Report | Chair Cunningham |
| 13. Special Operations Association Foundation Report. | Director Godshall |

General Membership Meeting Agenda (Cont'd)

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| 14. MG Singlaub Award Report. | Secretary Jensen |
| 15. Non-valor Award Presentations | President Estes |
| 16. Farewell to SOA Board Members | President Estes |
| 17. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors | President Estes |
| President: | |
| Vice President: | |
| Director: | |
| 18. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members | President Elect - Member chair |
| 19. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members | President Elect - Member chair |
| 20. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members: | President Elect - Member chair |
| 21. Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members: | President Elect - Member chair |
| B. New Business: | |
| XI. For the Good of the Order | President - Elect |
| XII. Meeting Adjournment: | |

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

DUFFY JENSEN
Secretary, Special Operations Association

SOAR GMM Minutes

**Special Operations Association, Inc.
General Membership Meeting Minutes
23 Oct 2019
The Orleans Hotel & Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada**

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| I. Call to Order 1338 PDT | President Estes |
| II. Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms <i>Spider Parks, Bill Barclay, Clete Sinyard</i> | President Estes |
| III. Pledge of Allegiance | Dick Whitman |
| IV. Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs and POWs | Dale Hanson |
| V. Roll Call | Secretary Jensen |
| a. SOA Board of Officers/Directors — <i>President Estes, VP Taylor, Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Devon, Director Binford, and Director Leites</i> | |
| b. SOA Special Staff Members Present | |
| VI. Introduction of Guests | President Estes |
| <i>President Estes introduced the Payne, Lloyd, and Cooper families, and Casey Armstrong, son of Don Armstrong.</i> | |
| VII. Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present/quorum present | Secretary Jensen |
| <i>The Sergeants at Arms reported 136 General Members in attendance. This exceeds 10% of the 278 registered General Members. A quorum was present.</i> | |
| VIII. General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda | President Estes |
| <i>Clyde Sincere moved to approve the agenda as posted, George Metz seconded the motion which carried by voice vote</i> | |
| IX. Business Meeting: | |
| a. Regular Business: | |
| 1. Approval of SOAR XLII General Membership Meeting Minutes as contained in the SOAR XLIII PRP | |
| Horace Boner moved to approve SOAR XLII Meeting Minutes, Clyde Sincere seconded the motion, and motion carried by voice vote. | |
| 2. Adoption of Standing Rules of Order Published in the PRP | |
| VP Taylor moved to adopt the Standing Rules of Order, Clyde Sincere provided the second, and the Rules of Order were adopted by voice vote. | |

SOAR GMM Minutes (Cont'd)

3. SOA Financial Report and Budget Treasurer Devon

Treasurer Devon gave an overview of the SOA and SOAF financial picture presented on screen. He pointed out that the SOA Net Profit of \$54,059 was as of September 30 and would be reduced as the SOAR costs were inputted into the ledger.
4. SOA Scholarship Committee Report Chairman McClure

Chairman McClure was not present. Treasurer Devon reported that the awarding of scholarship grants has been modified from a multi-year format to an annual format. The annual award format allows scholarship grants to a greater number of applicants than the previous multi-year format. Each annual scholarship grant is for \$3,000, \$1,500 per semester. Each grant recipient is eligible to competitively apply each year.
5. SOA Brightlight Committee Report Chairman Padgett

Chairman Padgett was not present. President Estes reported that there were 4 applications for assistance. Two were withdrawn, two were awarded assistance.
6. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report Chairman Cummings

Chairman Cummings reported that the VHP had a full slate of interviews for SOAR XLIII.

Fifty-one (51) video interviews have been reviewed and submitted to USASOC for watermarking and imprinting of restrictions for use along with a prohibition of copying. The SOA review process continues, and additional interviews will be released to USASOC in the near future. As the interviews are marked and returned to the SOA, they will be posted on the Members Only portion of the SOA website. President Estes advised members that if they did not want their interview released to USASOC or placed on the SOA website, they must notify the SOA Secretary.

Chairman Cummings reported that of the total video interviews presently in hand, approximately 15 are of such poor quality they will not be released.
7. SOA Warriors Family Committee Report Chairman Bonner

Chairman Boner reported three requests for assistance totaling 7 individuals. The total assistance is \$4,513.01 leaving a fund balance of \$2,661.25.
8. SOA Chaplain's Report Chaplain Padgett

Chaplain Padgett was not present. President Estes reported that Chaplain Padgett's represents all members of the SOA in offering prayers and condolences to the family of our fallen brothers. In the event more than 30 days have elapsed between a member's demise and SOA notification, the chaplain will typically leave the wounds to heal.

SOAR GMM Minutes (Cont'd)

9. SOA Riders Committee Report

Chairman Whitt

Chairman Whitt was not present. President Estes first addressed the recent loss of previous Chairman Tom Carrell and his unwavering commitment to the SOA Riders. He continued by saying that the SOA Riders have planned rides for the next three years, Wisconsin, Tennessee, and the New England area. He encouraged members to join the enjoyable fund-raising efforts of the SOA Riders.

10. SOA QM Sales Report

Chairman Strange

Quartermaster Strange reminded the membership that QM was not a vendor, and 100% of the profits go directly to SOA. He encouraged everyone to stop and shop.

11. SOA Membership Committee Report

Chairman Frovarp

Chairman Frovarp reported 1,298 active General members as of 1 October, with a total of 1,531 active members across all membership categories. These figures are down significantly from the 2,847/3,452 members enrolled since 1977.

The Chairman spoke of attrition, noting there have been 63 members known to have passed away, and 41 new members have joined since 1 January 2019. He noted that some of the new enrollments, and an increase in reinstatements appear to be tied to the fiftieth anniversary of CCS.

He stressed the need for a concerted recruitment effort and encouraged all members to recruit new members – young and old alike.

SOAR Registrar Ivan Davis reported 579 registered attendees, 320 members and 259 guests. Of the 320 members, there were 278 general, 19 associate, 10 honorary, and 8 widow members. In addition, there were 5 vendors.

12. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report

Chairman Keele

President Estes, who participated in the election vote tally, commended Chairman Keele for his verification, counting, and reporting protocols.

There was one candidate for Treasurer, and four candidates for two director positions. Phil Devon was elected Treasurer, and Doc Padgett and Chris McClure were both re-elected to the board.

13. SOA By-Laws Committee

Chair Cunningham

President Estes relayed that the By-Law Committee had nothing to report.

14. SOA Nomination Committee Report

Chairman Day

Chairman Day advised the membership that the office of the president, vice president, and one director position were up for election in 2020 and asked for nominations.

SOAR GMM Minutes (Cont'd)

15. MG Singlaub Award Report Secretary Jensen
Secretary Jensen read the Singlaub award presentation from the SOAR XLIII PRP.
16. Farewell to SOA Board Members President Estes
President Estes presented departing board member Rand Binford with an Eagle Award as token of the SOA's gratitude for his service to the association over the past three years. The President expressed appreciation for his insightful input throughout his tenure.
17. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors President Estes
- a. Treasurer: Phil Devon
 - b. Director 4: "Doc" Padgett
 - c. Director 5: Chris McClure
- Don Haase, third highest vote recipient, was sworn in as an appointment to fulfill the remaining year of Doc Padgett's term as Director Place 1.
18. Non valor Awards Presentations President Estes
- a. Honorary Membership
With Board of Director approval, President Estes bestowed Honorary SOA Membership upon Jean Thong for her many years of unwavering volunteer service at SOAR.
 - b. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members Pres Estes-Clyde Sincere
 - c. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members Pres Estes-Clyde Sincere
 - d. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members: Pres Estes-Clyde Sincere
 - e. Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members: Pres Estes-Clyde Sincere
- As VP Taylor announced the names of eligible recipients registered for SOAR XLIII, President Estes and Clyde Sincere awarded tenure pins to each member present.
- X. New Business:
- XI. For the Good of the Order President Estes
- XII. Meeting Adjournment: *1528 PDT*

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

DUFFY JENSEN

Secretary, Special Operations Association

George C. Morton Scholarship Report

FACTS: Special Operations Association Scholarship Grants are awarded by the SOA and must be used at an accredited, Junior College, Community College, Four-year College or University for studies that can ultimately lead to a bachelor's degree. Each Grant is for a one-year award of \$1,500 per semester not to exceed \$3,000 for the year (Applicants may reapply for subsequent years for a total of four (4) years). For institutions which are on the Quarter system, an adjustment is made such that the award does not exceed \$3,000 per year. From time to time donors will designate additional funds for other scholarship awards to our pool of applicants, and these may or may not be administered by the SOA.

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

APPLICATIONS: Application packages are available from 15 September of the previous year to 15 March of the year that the scholarships will be awarded. The postmark deadline for the submission of all formal applications is 15 April of the year the scholarships will be awarded. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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

INFORMATIONAL: As of June 2020, 169 young men and women have been awarded scholarships since the program began in 1983.

**Special Operations Association
Scholarship Committee
c/o Christopher E. McClure, Chairman
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Raleigh, North Carolina 27604-1229
cmclure@tech-architect.com**

Revised: 23 June 2020

*"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*

Brightlight Report

The Operation Brightlight mission is to provide financial assistance to SOA members in good standing who, without monetary help, would not be able to attend the annual Special Operations Association Reunion. Members considered for BL grants are kept anonymous as far as possible, with names being revealed to the BL committee and special staff only.

Costs eligible for assistance are round trip transportation; hotel accommodations; SOAR registration; and, petty cash for cab fare, meals, and incidentals. This assistance also extends to a family member who is the member's primary care giver.

During the eligibility cycle for the 2019 SOAR, the committee received three Brightlight (BL) funding requests, submitted by members in good standing, for funding for other brother SOA members. All requests were submitted and discussed by the committee. All were approved unanimously.

Of the requests submitted: One member withdrew his name due to medical considerations.

Another, after learning that his name had been submitted for, and granted BL funding, withdrew his name stating he has always paid his own way and would continue to do so.

The third BL grant request processed was for a member who had been approved for a BL grant the previous year (2018). After considerable communication between committee members, it was determined that an exception was warranted due to extenuating circumstances: 1) the member had expended his SOAR funds to act as a pallbearer for a lifelong friend and SOA member; and, 2) he was a member of RT Krait with COL de Fontaine who was memorialized at SOAR 43.

A fourth request was received after the cut-off for applications but was considered urgent. One of our members is terminally ill and it was determined that he could not attend without his wife present as his caregiver. To facilitate his attendance, his wife's SOAR registration for Thursday was covered by Operation Brightlight.

Operation Brightlight disbursed \$2,594.02 in fiscal year 2019. Through donations and fund raising efforts, Operation Brightlight received \$4,340.22 to end year with a fund balance of \$18,705.83.

Operation Brightlight seeks candidates for funding for SOAR XLIV. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a member in good standing. Nominations for funding close one month before the SOAR start date. Emergency requests will be considered at any time.

Brightlight Committee members: John "Doc" Padgett (Chair), Tim Schaaf, Rick Grabinowski.

Warrior Family Fund

The SOA Warrior's Family Fund was established in 2012 to assist SOA family members who cannot afford to attend SOAR. In addition, the Warrior Family Fund Committee can approve up to a \$500.00 cash stipend for widows and family members to cover funeral expenses following the death of a SOA member. Family members in need of assistance are encouraged to apply.

2020 REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

To date, there has been one request for assistance with funeral expenses from the Warrior's Family Fund.

Total 2020 disbursements to date — \$300

DONATIONS AND FUND RAISING

The Warrior's Family Fund received \$200 through donations and fundraising efforts since the first of the year.

The Fund's balance as of April 2020 was \$2,217.



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NOTE: This is a members only item.

/s/Horace Boner
WFF Chairman

SOA Video History & Archive Project Update

Each year during the Memorial Day weekend I reflect on the losses that the Special Operation community has suffered. The list continues to grow, not just from those on the front lines today, but those that the SOA loses each year. It seems that during the last 18 months we have lost more of our members than ever before. Each loss brings home the point that the Video History Project is doing important work as we strive to collect as much history of Special Operations as possible. Unfortunately, we are running a race against time, which is running out far too quickly. If you will be attending SOAR this year and have not done an interview with us, please consider doing so. We need to get as many interviews as possible, so if you know you will be there please contact me ASAP to schedule an interview. Please know the day, date and time of your arrival in Las Vegas before you make your appointment with us as slots are limited. Your experiences are important to the project, your family, and the history of Special Operations! Members of the SOA were trailblazers for those who would follow in their footsteps and it is crucial that we capture that history before it is gone forever.

This year fundraising for the VHP is at a new low due to the Corona Virus and the social unrest being experienced across the country. People, during these trying times, are far less accessible than they have been in the past. Donations are needed to continue this work, so if you know of anyone who would like to help keep this project alive please let me know and pass my contact information on to them. A few weeks ago, two of my family members stepped up with a generous donation. I would like to thank Kathy and Steve Felstein for the funds they donated to this project to keep going.

On a sad note the SOA Videographer, Lisa Allen, suffered a great loss. On June seventh she suffered the unexpected loss of her mother, Mary Thaxter Allen. I would like to express my deepest sympathy for her loss. Lisa has been an important part of this project for many years and is known to many of you who have done interviews.

I look forward to seeing everyone at SOAR this year.

Dennis Cummings-SOA Archivist
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Candidates for Election

CANDIDATE FOR SOA PRESIDENT

Doug Godshall SOA 2806-GL

Doug Godshall is a life member of the Special Operations Association, the Special Forces Association, and the American Legion. One of the best days of his life occurred when Eldon Bargewell called to invite him to the SOA. He has served four years on the SOA Board, first at the invitation of President Myers, and then as a duly elected director for a term with President Estes. Mr. Godshall currently serves as co-chair of the SOA Fundraising Committee.



His greatest joy has been reuniting the families of our VN comrades with their mates in the SOA, including assisting in organizing the 23Aug68 Memorial Breakfast at SOAR 2018 with Marble Mountain hero Larry Trimble, veteran Gene Pugh, SOG Lt. and Vietnam Wall Ceremony organizer, Dan Thompson, Bruce Christensen, son of SOG member, and the estimable Bonnie Cooper. If elected president, he will strive for similar meaningful events, and work tirelessly bolster the membership rolls by broadening the SOA's appeal to post 9/11 Special Operations Forces.

Doug Godshall served in MACVSOG from Jul68 to Jul69. He was first posted to Phu Bai, then quickly transferred to Mai Loc under Major Sincere. He spent his first night in Danang to attend the infamous promotion board on 23Aug68. He ran recon missions with RT Georgia and other teams from Mai Loc. He was posted TDY to CCS, Ban Me Thuot in the late fall of 68 and ran a couple of missions with RT Elmira, then to Danang after Mai Loc was closed. He received a PH, BSMv, with one oak leaf cluster for service.

He returned to college, and then to law school where he met his wife Cathy, the smartest lawyer in the house. He was a trial lawyer in several states for decades, and at the request of judges and lawyers began another career as a mediator and arbitrator. He has been appointed by the Chief Justice of Ohio to serve on Supreme Court of Ohio Commissions, including current service on the Dispute Resolution Commission.

He has served on several non-profit boards at his church, his children's school, and bar associations, including terms as President.

He is the proud father of Hallie and Jack, and Grandfather (Jefe) to Thomas and Caroline.

Candidates for Election *(Cont'd)*

CANDIDATE FOR SOA VICE PRESIDENT

Michael Taylor SOA 698 GL

I was honored to be selected by the Board of Directors to fill the unexpired term of Vice President when Tyler Furbish passed away. I found the job rewarding, so ran for my own term, which is now expiring. I am eligible for reelection to one last term and would be honored to serve out my eligibility as Vice President. If reelected, I would provide continuity as we transition to a new President and will work to stagger the terms of the President and Vice President in future elections.

I am a Charter Member of SOA and served in both the II Corps Mike Force and MACV-SOG. I will continue to serve as Chairman of the Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee.



Candidates for Election (Cont'd)

CANDIDATE FOR SOA DIRECTOR

Don Haase SOA 1683-GL

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

I have been a life member of SOA since 1999 when Tyler Furbish dug me out of the woodwork and invited me to SOAR at the Plaza hotel.

I am currently serving as an SOA Director in an unexpired term vacated during the past election. If elected to a full three-year term, I will continue to work with the Board of Directors on those issues which are important to the continuation of the SOA mission and traditions.

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



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PRESIDENT: Vote for one (1) only

- () Doug Godshall
- () _____ write in

VICE PRESIDENT: Vote for one (1) only

- () Mike Taylor
- () _____ write in

DIRECTORS: Vote for one (1) only

- () Don Haase
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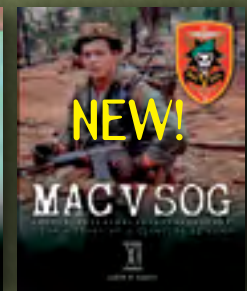
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Singlaub Award

Annually, the Special Operations Association proudly sponsors the MG (R) John K. Singlaub/Jedburgh Award which is presented to an individual Special Operations Force soldier who exemplifies the combat service, courage, and heroism that MG John K. Singlaub displayed throughout his distinguished Army career in Special Operations. USASOC Commanding General LTG Francis Beaudette has selected MSG Usiel “RG” Arguelles of the 2nd Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (A) as this year’s recipient.

Born in Juarez, Mexico, MSG Arguelles joined the U.S. Army in 2005, deploying twice in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM.

Following completion of Special Forces Qualification Course in August 2012, Arguelles was assigned as a Special Forces Weapon Sergeant with the 4th Battalion, 10th SFG(A), at Ft. Carson, Co. While assigned to the 4th Bn, MSG Arguelles participated in two Joint Combined Exchange Training deployments to Romania and Estonia, as well as an operational deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM in Afghanistan.

In 2017, MSG Arguelles was assigned to 2nd Bn, 10th SFG(A) as a Senior Weapons Sergeant for ODA 241. In this capacity, he deployed to Camp Brown, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan in support of RESOLUTE SUPPORT Mission VIII. During RSM VIII, MSG Arguelles demonstrated immense tactical acumen as the Main Effort Cell Leader for 20 partnered combat operations, maneuvering Afghan Special Operations Forces as well as U.S. Special Forces and infantry soldiers, resulting in no loss to U.S. personnel and over 100 enemy killed in action. MSG Arguelles went above and beyond the scope of his duties during a named operation by leading a combined element of Afghan and U.S. personnel to secure an austere airfield and coordinate the airlift of 300 tons of supplies. These personal efforts were critical to

sustaining six combat missions and degrading strategic foreign influence in Afghanistan.

During this deployment, MSG Arguelles received the Silver Star Medal for his heroic actions during a combat operation when he fearlessly rushed a building containing multiple enemy fighters who had pinned down his element with withering fire. Enemy fighters threw fragmentation grenades in close proximity, wounding MSG Arguelles and a teammate. Despite being unable to use one arm, MSG Arguelles placed himself between the incoming fire and his wounded teammate, destroying the enemy fighters with a combination of his personal weapon and hand grenades.

Following the deployment with SFOD-A 0241, MSG Arguelles volunteered to assume responsibilities as Operations Sergeant for SFOD-A 0211. After pre-mission training with the detachment, he again deployed in support of RSM XI to Camp Golin, in the strategically crucial and historically hostile Kunduz Province of Afghanistan in 2019.

As the Operations Sergeant for SFOD-A 0211 and overall Camp Commandant for Camp Golin, he served as a mentor for 230 infantry and engineer soldiers, more than 20 enabler personnel, and the Green Berets of SFOD-A 0211. In this capacity, MSG Arguelles provided young Soldiers, NCOs, and Officers clear guidance, sound advice, and an example to live by during difficult times in combat. MSG Arguelles did this out of love for his fellow soldiers and teammates, going beyond even what could be expected of him by maintaining and improving not only Camp Golin, but an adjacent coalition camp, providing critical logistics support for over 60 additional combat operations beyond those of SFOD-A 0211.

During a named operation, MSG Arguelles performed flawlessly under fire by personally

Singlaub Award *(Cont'd)*

directing four separate maneuver elements to execute multiple successful MEDEVACs. His deliberate actions saved the lives of a critically wounded Green Beret and multiple wounded Afghan Commandos during 36 hours of close combat. Further, Arguelles' leadership and quick thinking were essential in providing the fire support, battle tracking, and QRF which protected the Kunduz Provincial Capital from being overrun by a major Taliban offensive on 12 April 2019. His personal efforts denied the Taliban a strategic victory during critical negotiations with the U.S. government.

MSG Arguelles is highly intelligent, articulate, and forward thinking. He quickly grasps the big picture and can dissect issues, focus on solutions and make solid, viable recommendations. His leadership, character, presence, intellect, competency, and temperament are what our Army needs in the next generation of non-commissioned officers.



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\$12

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SOA Members Achieving 20 Year Status

The following have achieved 20-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 20-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2020 SOA General Membership Meeting:

Jose Anorga	1913-G	Brian S. Holcomb	1936-G	Steven A. Mozian	1992-G
Don Bendell	1920-G	Roger M. Houston	1899-G	Gary G. Nichols	1987-G
George E. Boehmer	1843-G	Thomas O. Humphus	1919-G	Ray L. Oden	1837-G
Francis G. Boisseau	1917-G	Jack L. Kaplan Jr	1864-G	Robert L. Ohmes	1871-A
George E. Boyer	1873-G	Don Kelly	1924-G	Terry G. O'Kelley	1868-G
Joseph J. Brock	1996-G	Alexander D. Kendris	1956-G	Michael O'Neill	1895-G
Dale R. Brown	1831-G	Stephen T. Kirk	1880-G	Ralph D. Ormes Jr	1949-G
Paul E. Cahill	1974-G	Philip M. Kozlowski	1990-G	William T. Ortman	1852-G
Rudolph Calderon Jr	1935-G	Michael J. Krawczyk	1872-G	Charles D. Petty	1945-G
William S. Case	1952-G	Michael R. Leonard	1844-G	Joseph J. Pollace	1875-G
John K. Collier	1859-G	Robert D. Leonard	1955-A	Seth Robertson	1944-G
Dennis W. Crowe	1857-G	William F. Lewis	1963-G	Dean G. Roesner	1939-G
Gary L. Daugherty	1912-A	John A. Lipski	1828-G	Frank E. Sangillo	1853-G
Hampton Dews II	1934-G	Robert D. Little	1870-G	Michael H. Sheuerman	1900-G
M. Eugene Edwards	1881-G	Gordon B. Low Jr	1929-G	Larry D. Simon	1835-G
Raymond L. Fratus	1923-G	Louis A. Lucero	1876-G	Terrence W. Smith	1984-G
Ronald J. Frigstad	1842-G	Paul H. Maledy	1957-G	Lawrence A. Spitler	1847-G
Nathaniel Frost	1866-G	Stephen A. Matthews	1854-G	Jerome L. Teeters	1970-G
Hiram Garcia	1947-G	Russell A. Maxson	1961-G	Duane C. Vierk	1953-G
David W. Gollem	1977-A	Patrick G. Maxwell	1891-G	Richard W. Wall	1894-G
Michael Gouch	1826-G	Joseph McCammond	1879-G	Daniel W. Wall	1896-G
Troy E. Graham	1869-G	Francis J. McCloskey	1932-G	Harold B. Watson	1911-G
Roger C. Green Jr	1863-G	Douglas McCready	1940-G	Sam A. Wheeler	1973-G
Larry A. Greene	1850-G	Owen C. McDonald	1908-G	Warren W. Williams	1948-G
Thomas J. Halligan	1839-G	Charles L. McDowell	1910-G	James W. Woodham	1999-G
Kenneth R. Hamilton	1902-G	William S. Meyer	1861-G	Lanier B. Yarbrough	1885-G
Allan W. Hawkins	1827-G	Jack A. Miller	1901-G	Kenneth E. Yoder	1991-G
Richard A. Hendrick	1845-G	Pat W. Mitchel	1897-G		
George W. Hewitt	1865-G	Alton E. Monroe	1981-G		

SOA Members Achieving 25 Year Status

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J. Barry Archer	1292-G	Steven Hatch	1343-G
John P. Baca	1330-G	Frank E. Kennemur	1329-G
John J. Balanco	1333-A	Minh Le	1346-G
Robert C. Barrett	1264-G	Eugene A. Leonard	1317-A
Newell W. Bernard	1281-G	John S. Lowry III	1339-A
Robert H. Blair	1272-G	Richard MULLowney Jr	1319-G
Charles V. Clayton	1267-G	My V. Nguyen	1322-G
William J. Deacy	1303-G	Anh H. Nguyen	1347-G
John J. Deacy	1321-G	Clarence A. Page	1270-G
Philip F. D. Devlin	1263-G	Larry R. Payne	1312-G
Dinh Huu Doan	1336-G	Alex P. Saunders	1269-G
Robert E. Dobbins	1288-G	Kendall S. Schaefer	1287-G
Lucien L. Edmonds	1310-A	James J. Stanford	1344-G
Luke R. Emanuel	1291-G	Robert L. Strange	1304-G
David L. Fritz	1316-G	Laughlin J. Todd	1266-G
Kestutis J. Gedmintas	1305-G	John Howard White	1340-G
Rick Grabianowski	1313-G		

SOA Members Achieving 30 Year Status

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Geoff T. Barker	919-G	Stephen G. Hayduk	946-G
Thys K. Bui	904-G	Phillip M. Herbert	926-G
Charles A. Cantwell	956-G	Frank Hudson	944-A
Claude D. Clifford	936-G	Michael S. Kearns	949-A
Ronald C. Davidson	929-G	Chieu N. Lam	947-G
Michael Davis	928-G	Leonard D. Moreau	937-G
Robert E. Dimond III	916-G	Alexander D. Newman	952-A
Elden F. Edmonds	911-A	Henry F. Schriks	951-G
Skip Ettinger	923-G	Michael J. Walsh	896-G
Ken Gaudet	964-A	Robert W. Weller	948-G
Lyle E. Goodin	898-G	Melvin L. Wick	958-G
William P. Harlow	906-G	Curtis J. Williams	909-G

SOA Members Achieving 35 Year Status

The following have achieved 35-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 35-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2020 SOA General Membership Meeting:

Robert A. Charest	646-G
Robert Donoghue	680-G
Bobby G. Evans	659-G
Robert E. Foti	672-G
Ross Heckert	668-G
Richard E. Jalloway	679-G
Lloyd Landry	655-G
Floyd W. Lucas	689-G
William T. Lueders	664-G
George Marecek	671-G
Earl D. McMillan	661-G
Arthur N. Wilbur	686-G

SOA Members Achieving 40 Year Status

The following have achieved 40-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 40-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2020 SOAR Banquet:

Jack Abraham	365-G	Peter C. Jackson	298-G
Joseph L. Alford	282-A	Frederick W. Jackson II	230-G
John C. Anderson	352-G	Clark R. Karell	235-G
Jay Anthony	343-A	George F. Le Blanc	314-G
Mark E. Berent	274-G	Ernest J. Mallet	362-A
William L. Bray	228-G	Roland G. Marquis	294-G
James D. Brunni	302-G	Richard McNatt	369-G
Paul Brunton	285-G	Robert Sean McNiff	349-G
Virgil S. Byers	375-A	John F. Mullins	240-G
Charles T. Cadenbach	339-G	Mike A. Nelson	253-G
Daniel V. Chapa	245-G	Thomas F. Ratcliffe	351-A
William Coughlan	322-G	Gary J. Rohen	259-G
Kenneth F. Courage	281-G	William H. Sage	266-G
James Craig	346-G	Albert Slugoeki	278-G
Harold J. Doebereiner	241-G	Stephen J. Sperry	329-G
Wilbur G. Ellis	295-G	Michael C. Stern	324-G
Karl M. Federer	328-A	Richard C. Thompson	268-G
James Fry	288-G	Greg A. Walker	318-G
Edward J. Gleason	358-G	Thomas R. Waskovich	366-G
Henry G. Gole	291-G	Carl G. Winkler	232-G
Kestutis Griskelis	271-G		

SOA Statement Reminder

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

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

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION ADVERTISING RATES

Front Outside Cover	Not Available
Back Outside Cover.....	\$1700
Front and Back Inside Cover	\$1500
Interior Full Page	\$1400
Interior 1/2 Page	\$400
Interior 1/4 Page	\$275

All Ads are full color. Camera Ready Artwork is furnished by advertiser. Ads must be approved by publication manager in advance. Ads must be consistent with current SOA guidelines. Ads are based upon space availability.

For more information contact:
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 661 W. Calle Torres Blancas, #5108, Green Valley, AZ 85614
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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 beneficiary in his will must consult an attorney or licensed estate planner to ensure compliance with the laws of his state. For example, one aspect of trust and estate laws that does vary significantly is the number of witnesses necessary for a codicil or an amendment to a will (or for the creation of an entire will itself) to be validly created and recognized by the courts and law, and whether the document must have each of the witnesses’ signatures notarized. Despite those variations in law, having at least two witness signatures notarized should ensure legal validity in most cases. Nevertheless, everyone is encouraged to consult an attorney to ensure that all laws and requirements have been met in all estate planning.

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

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

I. General language for a Bequest:

- A. “I give all my real and personal property to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, for its unrestricted use.” Or,
- B. “I give all my real and personal property to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, for the specific purpose of supporting (one of the following specific projects):
 - 1. The SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program Fund.
 - 2. The SOA Brightlight Program Fund.
 - 3. The SOA Personal Video History Project Fund.
 - 4. The SOA Warrior’s Family Fund.
 - 5. The SOA General Fund.

Endowments, Bequests and Wills (Cont'd)

II. Specific Bequest language:

- A. “I give (\$\$\$ amount, description of item, e.g., car, boat, etc., legal description of real property – home, farm, etc., or a % of residue or remainder of estate, a specific asset/stock/security) to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, for its unrestricted use.” Or,
- B. “I give (\$\$\$ amount, description of item, e.g., car, boat, etc., legal description of real property – home, farm, etc., or a % of residue or remainder of estate, a specific asset/stock/security) to the Special Operations Association, a veteran’s fraternal organization, in care of Linda M. Leavitt, SOA Administrator, P. O. Box 335461, North Las Vegas, NV 89033, for the specific purpose (one of the following specific projects):
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 - 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.
- 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 questions whatsoever, at anytime, always consult with your attorney.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Planned Monthly Giving Program Registration Form

Special Operations Association Charities and Operations depends on the generosity of our members, their families, friends and the Public to help those in need and who are most deserving of our assistance. The Planned Monthly Giving Program is an opportunity to schedule your donations in monthly increments that best fit your personal situation and doesn't create a financial strain on your own budget.

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

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS TO BE MADE BY:

Payment by Check (Personal or Corporate): Checks Mailed to SOA Treasurer: P.O. Box 335461 N. Las Vegas, Nv 89033
If by Automatic Withdrawal or Credit Card please fill in completely.

Payment by Credit Card: Visa Master Card American Express Discover Card



Monthly donations by credit card can be made on the SOA WEB-SITE: www:specialoperations.org.

Date Credit Card to be charged/Automatic Withdrawals made each month*: Please check only one box

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st of Billing Month | <input type="checkbox"/> 10th of Billing Month | <input type="checkbox"/> 15th of Billing Month |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 20th of Billing Month | <input type="checkbox"/> 25th of Billing Month | <input type="checkbox"/> 30th of Billing Month |

**The bank will charge your credit card or make the automatic withdrawal from your checking/savings*

Please use the SOA website for recurring payments. Contact the SOA Treasurer if you need help setting up recurring payments at soatreasurer@specialoperations.org.

PAYMENT BY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS:

You can set up automatic payments to the SOA. Please contact the Treasurer by email with contact information so he may call you.

IMO (IN MEMORY OF) ASSIGNMENT:

Please check the appropriate box to identify which fund your donation is to be assigned and in whose name you wish to memorialize. Please include the entire name of the person you want remembered: (Please Print Neatly)

- George C. Morton Scholarship Fund IMO: _____
- Brightlight Fund IMO: _____
- SOA Warrior Family Fund IMO: _____
- Video History Fund IMO: _____
- General Fund IMO: _____
- Special Operations Association Foundation: _____

MONTHLY CHARGE/WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION:

By signing below, you are authorizing the Special Operations Association to charge your credit card or make automatic withdraws from your checking/savings account in the amount specified on the designated day, below. Withdrawal/charges will continue monthly until written notice to stop or suspend charges/withdrawals is submitted to the Treasurer.

My authorization to charge my credit card shall remain in effect until I notify the SOA Treasurer in writing that I wish to end this agreement and the SOA has had reasonable time to act on it.

A record of each payment will be included on my card statement and will serve as my receipt. In the event of an error, I have the right to instruct my credit card corporation to reverse any charge. I understand I must do this by written notice within 15 days of the date of the credit card statement, or within 45 days after the charge was made.

Authorizing Signature: _____

SOA ANNUAL MEMBERS



RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP EVERY
YEAR BEFORE

January 31

(A friendly reminder from your local
Membership Committee)



SOA FEE SCHEDULE

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

The following fees can be processed online at www.specialoperations.org or mailed to the address listed below:

LIFE OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

\$20 Life Members

\$10 Annual Members

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL - Payable on January 1 of each year. Add \$5 late fee if paid after January 31:

\$30 If paid before January 31

\$35 If paid after January 31

REINSTATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP – If you have not renewed your membership in more than 12 months, a reinstatement fee will be assessed:

\$25 Add if more than 12 months in arrears

CHANGE STATUS FROM ANNUAL TO LIFE – Contact the Membership Chair in advance to verify status.

To avoid delays, if you are applying for reinstatement or life status, contact the Membership Committee in advance. If you need additional information, contact:

Special Operations Association
Membership Committee
PO Box 335461
N. Las Vegas, NV 89033
rmfrovarp@gmail.com
membership@specialoperations.org

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

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

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

MEMBER PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

SOA# _____ Date of change _____
First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____
Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

Indicate additions or changes to your emergency contact information:

Relationship to Member (wife, Son, Daughter, Brother, etc.) _____
First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____
Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email: _____

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

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membership@specialoperations.org

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America Remembers Honors Those Who Served In Southeast Asia

The Special Operations Association Vietnam Tribute Pistol

A Handsomely Decorated Browning Hi-Power Pistol

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



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

A Limited Edition of 250

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

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

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

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

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

A Trusted Military Sidearm – A Fitting Tribute

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

* All orders are subject to acceptance and credit verification prior to shipment. Shipping and handling will be added to each order. Virginia residents please add sales tax.

- Check enclosed for \$ _____.
- Charge payment of \$ _____ to:
 - Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

America Remembers®
 10226 Timber Ridge Drive ★ Ashland, Virginia 23005
 Visit our website at: www.americaremembers.com
 To place your reservation toll-free call

1-800-682-2291

No. _____ Exp. _____

SOAR XLIV Reunion Information

When: 19-23 October 2020

Where: The Orleans Hotel and Casino
4500 West Tropicana Avenue
Las Vegas, Nevada 89103-5420
Phone: 800 675-3267
<http://www.orleanscasino.com/Groups>

Group Code: ASPoC10 (Alpha-Sierra-Papa-Zero-Charlie-One-Zero). Use this code when making your reservations.

Accommodations: Room rates and availability are guaranteed through 16 September 2020. Sunday through Thursday daily — \$46 per day plus tax and resort fee. Friday and Saturday — \$96 per day, plus tax and resort fee.

Eligibility: SOA Members in good standing and their guests. If you have questions about your membership status, contact Ray Frovarp, Membership Chairman: rmfrovarp@gmail.com or 910-425-1425. SOA Member guests are always welcome; however, their sponsor is expected to be in attendance when the guests arrive.

Banquet Seating: Banquet seating is reserved, so be sure to reserve your seat after you check in. Only members who have checked in will be able to get a seat assignment.

End of Reunion: All SOAR activities will cease at 1200, Friday, 23 October 2020.

Questions: If you have questions contact:
Reunion Coordinator
Chuck Woodson
Phone: 831-295-1939
Chuck.woodson@gmail.com

SOAR XLIV Registration Information

Pre-registration: *All pre-registrations for SOAR XLIV must be completed online on the SOA Website, www.specialoperations.org. If you prefer to pay by cash, check, or money order, you may do so when you arrive at SOAR.*

Reunion Fees: FULL Registration – \$190 per person
• Includes Hospitality all days, Luncheon & Banquet.
DAILY Registration – \$70 per day per person
Individual days include:
• Monday – Hospitality
• Tuesday – Hospitality
• Wednesday – Hospitality & Luncheon
• Thursday – Hospitality & Banquet.

Badges: Name badges must always be displayed.

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

Volunteers: Volunteers are vital to the success of the reunion. Please indicate your willingness to help on the pre-registration form.

Questions: If you have questions or need assistance, contact:
Ivan Davis, SOAR Registrar
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Each print is 20 x 24 inches and contains the names of all of MACVSOG's Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients and the original signatures of the five surviving MACVSOG MOH recipients.

- Col Robert C. Howard, US Army Special Forces, CCC, Hatchet Force Rescue (Most decorated serviceman in U.S. History, submitted for the MOH three times in 13 months and appearing on the cover of the Green Beret Magazine October 1969). **NOTE: Colonel Howard passed away on 23 December 2009.**
- Col James P. Fleming, US Air Force 20th Special Operation Squadron's Green Hornet for rescuing RT Chisel, CCS, from imminent annihilation.
- Lt Michael E. Thornton, US Navy SEAL, STOAT, for saving the life of Lt Thomas Norris an MOH recipient (The only time in US History when a recipient is awarded a MOH for saving the life of another MOH recipient).
- Lt Thomas R. Norris, US Navy SEAL, STOAT, for the famed 4 day "Bat 21" rescues of two downed pilots. Six months later, he sustained a near-fatal head wound in action and was rescued by his fellow Navy SEAL, Michael Thornton.
- SGM Jon R. Cavaiani, US Army Special Forces, CCN, for his two day defense of Radio Relay Site Hickory. He was captured during the battle and was a Prisoner of War (POW) in North Vietnam for 1 year and 8 months. **NOTE: SGM Cavaiani passed away 29 July 2014.**

PRINT IMAGES

- Upper Left: Lt George Sisler, FOB 2, Hatchet Force, was Killed in Action (KIA) in Feb 1967 during a bomb damage assessment (BOA). He was the first MACVSOG Medal of Honor recipient and the first intelligence officer ever to receive the MOH.
- Lower Left: Major Larry A. Thorne was lost, Missing in Action (MIA), on MACVSOG's first mission, 18 October 1965. A native of Finland, he was a recipient of the Finnish Mannerheim Cross, the equivalent of the US Medal of Honor, while serving in the Finnish Army against Russia during WWII. His remains were recovered in Laos 37 years after being declared MIA.
- Right Center: On strings, during a STABO extraction in 1968, are SFC Walter Hawley, SFC Agostino Chiarello, and SFC Clifford Roberts.
- Bottom Center: At Kham Due, RVN, a Special Forces "A" camp on the Vietnam-Laotian border and a MACVSOG training and launch site, Recon Team Iowa stands in front of a Vietnamese H-34, "King Bee" helicopter prior to the launch of MACVSOG's first mission on October 18, 1965.
- Top Left: SFC Jim "Halo" Smith; 4th from left, top, One-Zero (1-0), Team Leader SGM Charles L. "Slats" Petry, and bottom left SFC Steven W. Comerford.
- Upper Right: The Radio Relay Site 'Leg Horn' located in Laos.
- Lower Right: A Navy SEAL Recon Team.

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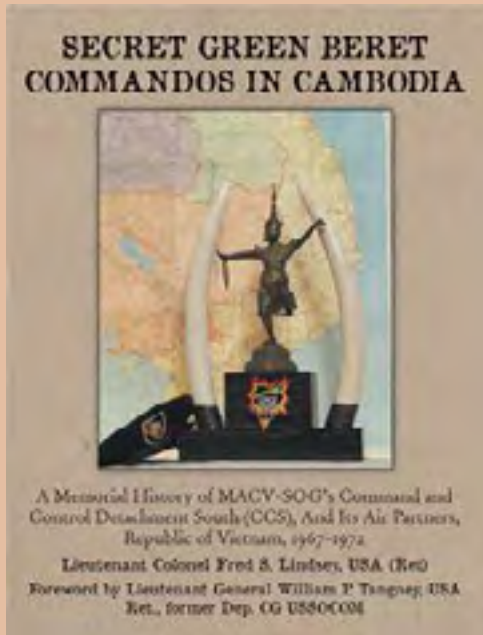
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SECRET GREEN BERET COMMANDOS IN CAMBODIA

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

LTC Fred S. Lindsey, USA (Ret)



About the Book

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

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

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

About the Author

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

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

the Grant will be awarded. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Christopher McClure at cmclure@tech-architect.com.

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