



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

PRE REUNION PACKET

MG John K. Singlaub



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**SOAR XLVI
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Educational grants of \$3000/academic year (\$1500/semester) to eligible progeny of SOA members in good standing in the organization.

The Special Operations Association Foundation provides educational grants through the Special Operations Association's (SOA) George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Program to children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of SOA members who are current and in good standing in the organization. As of August 2021, 181 young men and women have been awarded scholarships since the grant program began in 1983. This grant must be used at an accredited four year College or University, Junior College, Community College, or Technical School which will lead to an Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, or a technical vocation program certificate.



ELIGIBILITY: A high school graduate (or G.E.D.), or a high school student anticipating graduation during the year of application, under the age of 21 years at the time of application. Must be a son, daughter, grandchild, or great-grandchild, natural or adopted, of an individual who served in a Special Operations unit, and is a current SOA member in "good standing". Applications are also accepted from relatives of Special Operators who were KIA or MIA while serving with a Special Operations unit in combat.

APPLICATIONS: Application packets are available in late December of the previous year to 15 April of the year that the grant will be awarded. The deadline for the submission of all applications is 15 April of the year that the Grant will be awarded. Inquiries should be addressed to the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Steve Yevich at syevich@hotmail.com.

More information on the Special Operations Association can be found at <http://www.specialoperations.org> under the "Programs" heading.



Special Operations Association Fact Sheet

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

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

The specific and primary purposes of the SOA are:

- a. To unite fraternally all veterans who have or are now conducting or supporting classified "Special Operations" deep in hostile enemy territory or have been assigned to military units which conducted such operations;
- b. To perpetuate the Special Operations "esprit de corps"; and,
- c. To commemorate fittingly the memory of those who have given their lives in defense of the Free World and to those who served in Special Operations units and are still unaccounted for as POW/MIA through the management of the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Grant Fund. Since 1983, over \$680,000 has been awarded, or committed thus far to more than 169 deserving young scholars.

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

The SOA conducted its 45th annual reunion (SOAR XLV) at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas the week of October 18, 2021. SOAR XLVI is schedule for October 17-21, 2022 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

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WEB SITE: www.specialoperations.org

Message from the President



Welcome to Special Operations Association Reunion XLVI!

After a successful return to Las Vegas at The Orleans in 2021, we have reloaded and all set to fire again!

SOA members, friends, Special Staff and Board members have been hard at work. Monday starts with coffee and doughnuts at the registration area and will be there every morning. Our world famous Hospitality Room is open from 0900 to 2400 Monday through Wednesday and 0900 to 12:00 Thursday. Our re-vamped high end item Silent Auction starts Monday as well in the Hospitality Room.

Tuesday features the increasingly popular Author's Book Signing starting about 1230. Who thought that we have so many gifted writers in our midst? Tuesday night our hardworking entertainment chair John Russell has arranged for us to see the latest Las Vegas offering of the Cirque du Soleil — Mad Apple at New York New York!

Wednesday is packed with activities. We hope (prayers upward) that the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Denis McDonough, will visit in the morning, schedule permitting. The Secretary's interest drives from the enthusiastic reception our members gave to VA representatives Noel Hike and Admiral Ann Duff last year. Noel and Admiral Duff are expected to return to assist in VA benefit issues. Thank you, John Vislosky.

Also on Wednesday, Mike Taylor, the world class Chair of the Joint SOA-SFA POW MIA Committee will host the annual POW MIA symposium with assistance from the DPAA and the indomitable Ann Mills Griffith.

Vicki Chan Padgett will host the SOA Foundation's Auxiliary Committee meeting following our traditional, popular and free Wednesday lunch

After the General Membership Meeting at 1330 (members only), Horace Boner will soothe our parched throats at a liquor tasting at 1630. Last, the Padgetts – Doc and Vicki- host the very cool Foundation Bowling Tournament at 1930. Beer and Bowling!

Thursday dawns on the Annual Medical Symposium/Special Operations Threats hosted by Dr. Mike Dwyer at 1000. Mike Taylor follows at 11 with a meeting devoted to Airborne Insertions/Special Operations.

Message from the President *(Cont'd)*

Thursday is banquet day, which begins with cocktail hour at 1530 at The Esplanade. We segue to the banquet across the hall at 1730. Our banquet speaker is the Commander of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), Colonel Brent Lindeman. Colonel Lindeman is an excellent speaker who will bring us up to date with our current special operators. We are fortunate indeed to secure a Special Forces Group Commander.

And all during the week, VA and Green Beret Foundation reps are ready to assist all with VA claims.

And do not forget to sign up for YOUR Video Project Interview! Dennis Cummings and his volunteer crew want to record for history your Special Ops combat experience. Please sign up.

Our fellowship will be renewed and refreshed in October at The Orleans. Please join our comrades and friends in LV again.

Doug Godshall
President



Seeking Brightlight Candidates

June 2022

Fellow SOA Members,

Do you know any SOA members who will not be able to attend SOAR 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,
SOA Operation Brightlight Committee

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

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Master Events List

AS OF 7 June 2022 (Subject to Change)

Friday, 14 October:

TBD: Movement of SOA Items from Storage to Orleans Hotel

Saturday, 15 October:

TBD: Onsite Material Organization and Equipment Testing at the Orleans Hotel, Clyde Sincere

Sunday, 16 October:

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

Monday, 17 October:

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

Tuesday, 18 October:

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
0900-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
1000-1100: The Battle of the Trails – 1965 to 1971 (Suite TBD) David Karle
1230-1700: Authors' Book Signing Event (Suite TBD)
1730-2130: Entertainment Event, Mad Apple by Cirque du Soleil, John Russell

Wednesday, 19 October:

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
0800-1000:
0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
0900-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
1000-1200: POW/MIA Symposium, Chairman Taylor
1200-1300: Lunch (Mardi Gras Ballroom)
1300-1500: SOAFAC, Vicki Chan-Padgett
1330-1530: SOA General Membership Meeting (Esplanade Room), President Godshall
1530-1630: Door Prizes (Esplanade Room), Clyde Sincere
1630-1730: Liquor Tasting, Horace Boner
1930: SOAF Bowling Tournament

Master Events List (Cont'd)

Thursday, 20 October:

- 0800-0930: CCS Breakfast
- 0800-1200: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD), Chairman Cummings
- 0900-1200: Registration Activities (Registration Area), Chairman Davis
- 0900-1200: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar
- 1000-1100: Special Operations Medical Threats (Suite TBD), Dr. Mike Dwyer
- 1100-1230: Aviation Symposium – Airborne Insertions/Operations (Suite TBD),
Mike Taylor
- NLT 1200: All Vendors must be out of Mardi Gras Ballroom
- 1300-1400: Rehearsals (Mardi Gras Ballroom) President Godshall
- 1530-1720: Cocktails (Esplanade Room)
- 1730-2030: SOAR Banquet
- 2030-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

Friday, 21 October:

- 0800-1200: Movement of SOA property to Storage Facility, Volunteers
- 0800-1000: Selective SOA Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room),
President Godshall
- 0900-1200: Hospitality Room (Salon TBD), open bar
- 1200: Hotel Check-out

Tribute to Major General (Ret) John K. Singlaub



Retired Major General John Kirk (Jack) Singlaub, the last surviving “Chief SOG”, passed away January 29, 2022, at the age of 100. He was born July 10, 1921, in Independence, CA.

As a member of the Van Nuys High School Junior ROTC, he enlisted in the Army Reserves at the age of 17. He applied for an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy but was turned down by his congressman. He enrolled in UCLA and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in January 1943. While attending jump school at Ft. Benning, he was recruited by the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) for Operation Jedburgh.

Following extensive training in England, LT Singlaub and two others formed an Operation Jedburgh team codenamed “James”. On August 11, 1944, Team James parachuted into German occupied territory in France to organize, arm, and direct French Resistance, and to gather intelligence and disrupt German communications.



In the spring of 1945, then CPT Singlaub volunteered for OSS service in the Far East. Upon arrival in China, he was tasked with training Vietnamese guerillas for a mission against the Imperial Japanese Army in Vietnam (his first encounter with Ho Chi Minh). The mission was canceled after the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan. Just days before the formal Japanese surrender, he led a nine-man team which parachuted onto Hainan Island to rescue 400 American and allied POWs under Japanese control. He demanded proper food and medical for the prisoners and slowly evacuated them for repatriation. Following Japan’s surrender, CPT Singlaub spent an additional three years in postwar

Manchuria heading up CIA operations and reporting on the Communist Chinese revolution.



From 1951 to 1953, MAJ Singlaub did two consecutive tours in Korea. The first as the deputy commander and chief of staff of the Joint Advisory Commission, Korea. “JACK”, as it was known, represented the first time the CIA formed a clandestine services field mission. In addition to recovering downed pilots, the shadowy organization attempted to replicate aspects of the OSS

missions during World War II. After his tour with JACK, he was a battalion commander with the 3rd Infantry Division where he was awarded the Silver Star.

In 1966 COL Singlaub was advised that he had been selected to head up SOG. He tried to get out of the assignment but was told by the Army Chief of Staff that he was specifically requested by GEN Westmoreland who once described Jack Singlaub as a “true military professional” and “a man of honest, patriotic conviction and courage”. He had a great relationship with GEN Westmoreland who was the commander of MACV.

Tribute to Major General (Ret) John K. Singlaub (Cont'd)

During his 27 months (May '66 to Aug '68) as Chief SOG, more forward operating bases were established to support increased missions into Laos. Missions into North Vietnam were halted because of ineffectiveness. MACV gave SOG increased air assets. The Joint Chiefs of Staff granted authority to commence cross-border operations into Cambodia. Projects B-50 and B-56 became OPCON to MACVSOG, and C5 became a separate SOG organization after absorbing B-50 and B-56. SOG officially takes OPCON of C5 and consolidates personnel at Ban Me Thout. The three Command and Control detachments were established under OP-35.

Richard Schultz, an American scholar of international security studies, characterized COL Singlaub in his book *The Secret War Against Hanoi* as "SOG's most creative commanding officer".

Interspersed with the above wartime command positions were numerous training assignments both at home and abroad. Singlaub was instrumental in the establishment of the Ranger Training Center at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he served as an instructor. He helped establish the Modern Army Selected Systems Test, Evaluation and Review activity at Fort Hood, Texas and was named responsible for training and combat-readiness of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard Units in a 10-state area. MG Singlaub also served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for drug and alcohol abuse. He graduated from the Army Command and General Staff College in 1954 and Air War College in 1960. In 1971, he attended flight school at Fort Rucker as a 50-year-old brigadier general so that he could better understand and employ the increasing use of helicopters in special forces operations.

MG Singlaub's final military assignment was as the Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, United States Forces, Korea, and the U.S. Eighth Army in Seoul, Korea. Concurrently, he served as the U.N. Command senior military member of the Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom. He retired from military service in April 1978 after 35 plus years.

Following his military career, MG (Ret) Singlaub continued to be a presence in the world of special operations and national security. Active in overt and covert operations for more than three decades, he had private and secret interviews with many military and government leaders worldwide. He personally knew William Casey, Director of Central Intelligence during the Reagan Administration, as well as Oliver North, and was involved in the Iran-Contra affair. Singlaub was President Reagan's administrative chief liaison in the Contra supply effort to oppose Moscow's and Fidel Castro's advances in El Salvador and Nicaragua during the Cold War and their support for armed Marxist revolutionary guerrilla movements. Through his chairmanship of the world Anti-Communist League (WACL) and its U.S. chapter, the U.S. Council for World Freedom (USCWF), he enlisted Members of the US Congress from both political parties, Washington, D.C. policymakers, retired U.S. military officials, paramilitary groups, foreign governments, and American think tanks in the Contra cause. He often met on Capitol Hill with members of the U.S. Congress, including Congressman Charlie Wilson (D-TX) about U.S. support and funding for the Contras and anti-communist resistance forces in Afghanistan opposed to the Red Army invasion of Kabul in 1979.

MG Singlaub was the honorary vice president of London's Special Forces Club. He was the chairman of The Jedburgh Group, and president of the non-profit organization America's Future, Inc.

Tribute to Major General (Ret) John K. Singlaub (Cont'd)



The general's 35-year military career frequently reflected frontline military action for which he was awarded 45 military decorations including the Distinguished Service Medal w/OLC, Silver Star, Legion of Merit w/3 OLC, Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star w/OLC, Air Medal w/OLC, Army Commendation Medal, and Purple Heart w/OLC. Additionally, he was awarded combat decorations from six foreign governments. He was authorized the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Master Parachutist Badge, Army Aviator Badge, and the Ranger Tab.

Further, he was inducted into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of Fame in 2006 and Distinguished Member of the Special Forces Regiment in 2007, he received William J. Donovan Award in 2007, the Bull Simons Award in 2011, and the Congressional Gold Medal (OSS) in 2016.

In 2016, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command, in conjunction with the SOA, established the MG John K. Singlaub/Jedburgh Award to recognize exceptional members of the Army Special Operations Forces. He personally presented the first award to CWO Valdez at the 2016 USASOC Red & Black Ball.

One of the traits of a consummate leader is manner in which he cares for those he leads. "Tilt" Meyer, said "He always cared deeply about the men who served under him". He went on to share the following story about a meeting between Jack Singlaub and Doug Letourneau.

In 2016, fellow SOA Member Doug "The Frenchman" LeTourneau and I had the pleasure/honor of having lunch with Singlaub, his loving wife Joan and her daughter Debra – who was his executive assistant.

At the end of lunch, as deserts were served, Joan mentioned to our living legend that "The Frenchman" was having some issues with the VA regarding treatment for his Stage Four bone marrow cancer.

Without hesitation, Singlaub asked Debra to get his cell phone. He dialed his personal physician/friend in Houston who specialized in treating rare, deadly cancers. The doctor answered Singlaub's call. We were all still sitting at the table when he told the doctor: "One of my men has Stage Four bone marrow cancer and he's not receiving the degree of service that he has earned through his service with us during the Vietnam War. Will you help him?"

I forget the final details of that conversation, but Singlaub gave The Frenchman his doctor's phone number and told him to call the doctor later that day. The Frenchman called the doctor, who set up a series of appointments for him in Houston. Over the next few weeks, The Frenchman flew to Houston three or four times for evaluations and extensive exams and tests.

When they completed the exams and tests, the doctor told The Frenchman that he would attend to him if, and when the bone marrow symptoms worsened. He gave The Frenchman his personal cell phone number and gave him the symptoms that would surface once his condition worsened. He

Tribute to Major General (Ret) John K. Singlaub (Cont'd)

never charged The Frenchman a penny for his services, saying something to the effect of, “Major General Singlaub asked me to take care of you and that’s what I intend to do. If you need anything, call me.”

Needless to say, The Frenchman was duly impressed. Sadly, he died in July 2019 from a combination of heat stroke and sepsis.

We all had an example of how a true leader of men takes care of those he served with over the years. Singlaub was 95 at the time that he helped The Frenchman.

Another example — Will Irwin, author of *The Jedburghs*, echoed Meyer’s comments about Singlaub’s dedication to those he served alongside. According to Irwin, in 1988, he received a call from Singlaub regarding his South Vietnamese counterpart from his time in SOG. After the war, the former South Vietnamese Officer had settled in Los Angeles and had lost his house to a fire. “[The RVN Officer] had lost everything,” Irwin told *Military Times*. “And one thing he lost that he cherished was his yearbook from the Command General Staff College.” Irwin found a replacement for Singlaub, and the gesture was symbolic of the kind of person, and leader Singlaub was. “It just struck me at the time how much he valued that relationship,” Irwin said.



John Stryker Meyer and Mike Taylor present MG (Ret) Singlaub with a Centennial Certificate in recognition of his 100th Birthday



Lt. Gen Jonathan Braga, Commanding General of U.S. Army Special Operations Command said, “Maj Gen Singlaub was the epitome of a Special Forces Officer, with the ability to transition through time to different places, and basically built what we have today”.

Entertainment Event

‘THE MAD APPLE OF CIRQUE DU SOLEIL’ HOSTED AT THE NEW YORK-NEW YORK HOTEL, CASINO & RESORT

The date of the event show will be Tuesday, October 18, 2022. The total cost for the event show, including transportation by air-conditioned buses is \$115.00 per person, regardless of age. The final termination date for registration is September 1, 2022. Buses will arrive at the Orleans Hotel at 1730hrs (5:30PM), departing **PROMPTLY at 1800hrs (6:00PM)**, arriving at the New York-New York at approximately 1830hrs (6:30PM). The event show will begin promptly at 1900hrs (7:00PM) and will end at approximately 2030hrs (8:30PM). Buses will depart from the NY-NY at approximately 2100hrs (9:00PM) and returning to the Orleans at 2130hrs (9:30PM).



Entertainment Event (Cont'd)

Mad Apple — the newest Las Vegas production from live entertainment leader Cirque du Soleil

The “Mad Apple” has officially arrived at the New York — New York Hotel, Casino & Resort. The show is described as a "high-energy cocktail" blending comedy, music, dance, and acrobatics, all of which treat audience members to a blast of New York's past and present. This is a new show and a first of its kind in the Las Vegas area. A link is provided below which will give you some perspective of what the show entails:

<https://cirqueconnect.cirquedusoleil.com/?shows=madapple>

Registration should be prompt and as soon as possible as we expect this show to be a very quick sellout. Please be sure to include in your registration process whether you will need mobile (wheelchair/Walker/Motorized Scooter) assistance so that we will know the number of ADA seats required.

Should anyone have any questions, please contact John Russell at (949) 698-4616. You may also contact John via zack4000@cox.net, or Linda Leavitt at adm17soa@gmail.com.



Author's Book Signing Event

Tuesday, 18 October 2022, the SOA will conduct its fourth Authors' Book Signing Event. Once again, four (4) hours beginning at 1230 are set aside for up to 16 authors to "tout" their book(s). Of the 16 available slots, seven (7) have been spoken for at this time. The remaining available time slots are "FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED". The session suite has yet to be determined

Dependent on the number of participants, the plan is if there are 16 authors, each will have 10 minutes to "tout" their book, and Members and Guests will have five (5) minutes to ask 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 short synopsis of your book to include where a Members not in attendance can secure a copy. Your synopsis will be published in the SOAR XLV AAR as space allows. Additionally, the SOA will advertise your book on the SOA Website. Also, you may consider placing a one-quarter, or even larger Advertisement in the SOAR XLV AAR. See your SOAR XLV PRP for details. Your Call. No Obligation Whatsoever.

Also, during the conduct of SOAR – specifically, all day Wednesday (0900-1730), and Thursday morning between 0900 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 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.

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Author's Book Signing Event (Cont'd)

John "Plasticman" Plaster

SOG: A PHOTO HISTORY OF THE SECRET WARS

It's back in print and *now in color!* This hard-cover, huge volume (700+ images) covers all aspects of SOG, from Recon and Hatchet Force operations to tactics, weapons, air support and SOG's memorable vets, including all Medal of Honor recipients and Chiefs SOG.

Price, too, has been reduced from \$79.95 to \$49.95. (Hard Cover, oversize, 408 Pages)

SOG: The Secret Wars of America's Commandos in Vietnam

This was the first comprehensive SOG history, published in 1997 by Simon & Schuster. From the first cross-border op (1965) to the rescue of the BAT-21 downed pilot (1972). Based on numerous documents and interviews with more than 100 SOG vets – including five former Chiefs SOG and all surviving SOG Medal of Honor recipients.

Softcover, 344 Pages, \$25.00

Secret Commandos: Behind Enemy Lines with the Elite Warriors of SOG

This book follows John Plaster from Special Forces Training Group through three years (1968-71) in SOG. It's not a "pat-yourself-on-the-back" hero book, but an account of the fine men John met and served beside. Many insights on what it was like to run recon and fly Covey.

SOFTCOVER, 391 pages, \$20.00

Michael Blackwell

Treason By Lies, Deceit and Fraud

The U.S. Congress has been assembling unlawfully since 1861. That's right! Since 1861, martial (military) law has prevailed in the United States.

Since then, international bankers and members of the bar association have conspired to take control of America. *In Treason By Lies, Deceit and Fraud*, Mike Blackwell states

- Abraham Lincoln ignored the Constitution by convening Congress under military law . . . and the precedent has continued to this day.
- The UNITED STATES OF AMERICA is a privately owned corporation organized under the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.
- The US legal profession is actually governed by the British Accredited Registry in London, England in conjunction with the Vatican for their own financial profit and control.
- Every US citizen is by law a slave of the corporate state known as the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The original government formed by our founding fathers was unincorporated. Why is it incorporated now? Does this matter? Absolutely!

Learn how the American people lost their freedom and how they can regain it again.

Author's Book Signing Event (Cont'd)

Glenn W. Fearn & Mike Blackwell

Trump: A True American Patriot ... or Not?

For too long, a small group in our nation's Capital has reaped the rewards of government, at the cost of its citizens. Washington flourished — but the insiders refused to share in its wealth. Politicians prospered — but allowed our jobs to leave and our factories to close.

Not anymore.

In Trump: A True American Patriot ... or Not? Glenn Fearn and Mike Blackwell reveal the depths of corruption, deceit, and manipulation infesting our political system for hundreds of years, regardless of political affiliation.

- Read the hard evidence that exposes how our elected officials sold Americans into slavery.
- Understand the founding fathers' true intent when they formed our Republican form of government.
- Discover the influence of the satanic Roman "cult" on our politicians and political system.

Kim Kipling

DUTCH: From Rising Sun to the Rise of Jihad, Six Decades of Service

"Master Sergeant Jan W. "Dutch" Wierenga is a little-known but highly respected Special Forces and CIA legend. He has served the USA for sixty years in total. Born in Indonesia in 1936, he spent a total of four years imprisoned in Japanese and Indonesian internment camps under unspeakably harsh conditions. He was running jungle combat patrols by age 16, and departed for Holland in 1955. He emigrated to America in 1960, and enlisted in the US Army in 1963, serving three tours in Vietnam. He was a Recon Team leader in MACV/SOG and later served as a Special Forces Team Sergeant, Recon Instructor, HALO parachuting Instructor and First Sergeant of the Special Forces Training School. Dutch was awarded the Silver Star, four Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart. He retired from the Army in 1986.

Dutch then joined the CIA as a Paramilitary Operations Officer. He conducted numerous clandestine missions for CIA, including serving as a Battalion Adviser to the Nicaraguan "Contras" and acting as Chief of Station in a war-torn African country. He became a beloved Training Instructor at the CIA's "Farm", and finally fully retired in Spring 2022. This is the biography of this remarkable American patriot."

Roger Lockshier

WE SAVED SOG SOULS

Reflections of a Huey Helicopter Crewchief from the 101st Airborne's Aviation Battalion B/D Company "Black Angels" Gunships. The book takes you chronologically through events he experienced from December 1967 to December 1968. Starting with the realization of war he experienced on the very first day of arrival at Tan Son Nhut Airbase to Christmas 1967, through the enemy buildup leading to the 1968 Tet Offensive.

The author describes what it was like fighting VC "inside the wire" at Bien Hoa when Tet broke out and follows with the battles against NVA heavily emplaced in the Song Be region for weeks during the aftermath of the Tet Offensive where he was shot down for what would be the first of three times.

Author's Book Signing Event (Cont'd)

The book leads the reader along missions conducted with the 101st Airborne which include Operation Somerset Plain where the 101st Airborne launched a massive assault into the heavily fortified A Shau Valley. This is where you read about the author being shot down for the second time.

The author describes missions launched from FOB1, Khe Sanh, and Mai Loc flying into Laos on an almost daily event inserting and exfiltrating SOG Teams in most cases under heavy NVA fire.

Then in September 1968 the author describes being shot down for the third time. This time deep inside Laos.

WE SAVED SOG SOULS is available in e-book, audio book, and print book on Amazon

Stephen Sherman

9 Volume MACV-SOG Command History Annexes

Steve Sherman is working to publish a three-part, multi-volume document collection he calls The Vietnam Veterans for Factual History (VVFH) Reference Library. The first part, completed, is a nine-volume collection of the MACV-SOG Annexes to the MACV Command Histories (1964-1972). The second part, which will be released shortly, is a nine-volume collection of Defense Attache Quarterly and After Tour Reports (1973-1975). The third part will be a nineteen-volume collection of MACV Command Histories (1964-1973) slated for publication next year. All three of these collections will include paperback volumes as well as searchable .PDF files on a thumb drive, which will permit word searches across the complete collections.

Alex Quade

CHINOOK DOWN

HACHETTE BOOKS IS PUBLISHING WAR REPORTER ALEX QUADE'S SPECIAL FORCES BOOK. Focusing on the Green Berets of Special Operations Task Force-71, Alex's book expands upon her Edward R. Murrow Award winning documentary for The New York Times, "Chinook Down," which garnered a billboard in Time's Square.

During the largest air assault in Afghanistan since 9/11 – the Taliban shot down a CH-47 with a SAM, killing all onboard. Alex Quade was supposed to be on that Chinook, but survived to report on the fierce firefight as Green Berets raced to the crash site.

ALEX QUADE covers U.S. Special Operations Forces on combat missions downrange. Among her more than two dozen journalism awards: two Edward R. Murrows, the national Defense Media Award for her career covering special operations, an International Aerospace Media Award, group Emmy, Peabody and Columbia du-Pont Awards, an Armed Services Angel of the Battlefield Award, and the Congressional Medal of Honor Society's Excellence in Journalism Award *"for her courageous reporting and honest news coverage"*. Ms. Quade started her career at the White House. She's covered global conflicts for CNN, FOX, CBS, The New York Times, Washington Times, and Military Times. Hollywood released *"Danger Close"*, a film about Alex's Special Forces reportage.

Other Potential Authors

Barbara Birchim

Gordon Denniston

Dale Hanson

David Maurer

SOA Riders

The 2022 Special Operations Association Riders Ride was to be held in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, in the town of Morristown which is about 30 miles NE of Knoxville. We were to enjoy rides and special events on June 8-11, 2022. We were going to tour the Wheels Through Time Motorcycle Museum in Maggie Valley, NC and the Tennessee Museum of Aviation in Sevierville, TN. However, due to very high fuel prices, high lodging costs, and some illnesses, we had to cancel the Ride due to low participation.

We have rescheduled our Ride for June 7-10, 2023 here in Morristown, TN. The 2023 Ride in New Hampshire (hosted by Tom Cunningham) will be in 2024. We hope things have returned to “normal” by then and we can afford to make these trips. I hope to see numerous Riders at the 2022 SOAR in Vegas in October. We will again have a table set up at SOAR for all to come by and visit.

Respectfully Submitted

Marcus “Jumper” Whitt
SOA Riders Director

See a few pictures of past rides below.



SOA Riders – Past Rides



SOA Riders — Past Rides



TAPS

The following are our brothers who have passed since the last TAPS, 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.

We always give thanks to God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly keeping in mind your work of faith and labor of love and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. 1 Thes.1:2-3

Member Name	SOA#	Date	Member Name	SOA#	Date
Agan, Jr., Andres	2555-G	30-Aug-21	McMullen, John P.	2229-G	27-May-22
Aquiningoc, Antonio	100-G	16-Jun-22	Mitchel, Pat W.	1897-G	24-Jan-22
Bechtoldt, Robert J.	146-G	6-Jan-22	Mohs, Robert P.	1182-G	5-Mar-22
Bennett, Alfred A.	3365-G	24-Apr-22	Morris, Raymond C.	2336-G	6-Feb-22
Bright, Bernard	651-G	15-Apr-22	Murray, Hugh E.	107-G	5-Dec-21
Courage, Kenneth F.	281-G	14-Mar-22	Page, Clarence	1270-G	8-Feb-22
Crawford, George S.	1115-G	7-Jun-22	Parry, John D.	1651-G	1-Jan-22
Davis, Edward P.	105-G	26-Jan-22	Reed, Marcus E.	599-G	1-May-22
Dickinson, Nelson	2681-G	31-Jul-20	Robison, Samuel L.	2326-G	9-Apr-22
Downey, Fred E.	85-G	6-Dec-21	Scott, Jr, Harold A.	2213-G	20-Sep-21
Gaude, Lyman E	2187-G	11-May-22	Sheppard, James R.	2355-G	13-Oct-18
Gensel, Edward G.	997-G	1-Feb-22	Singlaub, John K.	108-G	29-Jan-22
Hoefling, Darrell D.	2024-G	5-Oct-18	Sprague, Jon D.	1222-G	23-Jan-22
Hoffman, Richard F.	528-G	29-Jul-21	Stobe, Walter R.	2415-G	28-May-22
Hudson, Swanson N.	1100-A	20-Nov-20	Swartzbaugh, Gary J.	1185-G	24-Jan-22
Landry, Lloyd	655-G	29-Dec-05	Thompson, Richard C.	268-G	17-May-22
Lanzalaco, Ken	2956-A	28-Mar-22	Vecchiarello, Frank A.	47-G	16-Jan-22
LeBlanc, George F.	314-G	16-May-18	Viseur, Charles B.	3362-G	5-May-22
Maranda, Armand J.	2948-G	2-Sep-21	Walker, Joe J.	2023-G	28-Jan-22
Massey, Jay	442-G	8-Mar-22	Whitaker, James P.	3311-G	20-Oct-21
McCarthy, Stephen M.	2131-A	11-Mar-22	Yoakum, Tony M.	3320-G	12-Mar-22
McIntire, Melvin R.	511-G	10-May-22			

May the souls of our departed brothers, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. May eternal light shine upon them.



Criteria for the Award of Special Operations Association Foundation Grants

Mission of SOAF

- Foster the wellbeing of the Special Operations community
- Address critical needs of Special Operations soldiers or families

Population to be assisted by grants

Special Operations Association ((SOA) members, or any person whose immediate family member had a qualified Special Operations assignment, such as spouse, parent, or legal guardian.

- Special Operations Association (SOA) members in need of temporary assistance
- Any active duty person who has/has had a qualified Special Operations assignment
- Person does not have to be a member of the SOA
- Must be recommended by a vetted member of the Special Operations community, SOAF Board of Trustees (BOT) or known SOA member

Purpose of grant

- For Special Operations veterans & survivors- help with burial and/or funereal expenses as requested by the immediate and/or extended family
- For active duty- emergency assistance with costs that otherwise would not be covered by the military such as emergency child care, travel costs for medical and/or family emergencies, fire, or Acts of God
- For dependents- demonstrated need for emergency assistance while attending a 2- or 4-year college or trade school not to exceed 1 month of expenses

Vetting

- Grants will be suggested by the SOAF Board of Trustees (BOT) or
- Individual grantees will be suggested by the BOT
- Grants and grantees may be suggested by members of the Special Operations Community who are not members of the SOA, to include Family Readiness Groups
- Once requests for assistance have been received and grantees identified, the Executive Director and/or members of the BOT will do further vetting as appropriate and report to the BOT.

Point of Contact: MAJ (Ret) John Padgett, SOAF Executive Director, bacsi10@yahoo.com



**by
Auxiliary Committee**

The SOAFAC has been busy over the past year. The committee has adopted three major areas that we can be of service to the SOA community. They are (1) providing survivor support, (2) offering camaraderie to spouses, and (3) supporting the Special Operations Association and Foundation.

To those ends, the committee has:

1. Made over 10 survivor condolence calls to newly widowed spouses with an overwhelming response of gratitude.
2. Sent get well notes to members and their spouses. In addition, the committee is looking for ways to support the family of baby Xavier, the infant of a Special Operations couple who has leukemia, through the Go Fund Me page and encouragement for the family.
3. Networking for the Bright Light Fund for those who are in need of financial help to attend SOAR.
4. Helping with the SOAR through volunteers to help with the event. Please look out for the volunteers who will be wearing the SOAFAC shirts!

The SOAFAC will be hosting a spouse event at the upcoming SOAR so please be on the lookout for news to come.

Our next in person meeting will be held during the General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, October 19th. We invite all interested to please attend. Your ideas are so valuable!

If you would like to be a member or have questions, please contact Vicki Padgett, Chair, at vickichanpadgett@yahoo.com. See everyone soon!

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

19 October 2022

The Orleans Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada

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| I. Call to Order | President Godshall |
| II. Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms | President Godshall |
| III. Pledge of Allegiance | TBD |
| IV. Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs, and POWs | Chaplain Hanson |
| V. Roll Call
SOA Board of Officers/Directors -President Godshall, VP Taylor, Secretary Jensen,
Treasurer Devon, Director Padgett, Director McClure, Director Rivero, Director Haase,
Director Whitt | Secretary Jensen |
| VI. SOA Special Staff Members Present. | President Godshall |
| VII. Introduction of Guest VA Secretary McDonough | President Godshall |
| VIII. Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present,
and if a quorum present | President Godshall |
| IX. General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda. | President Godshall |
| X. Business Meeting: | |
| A. Regular Business: | |
| 1. Approve SOAR XLV General Membership Mtg Minutes
(SOAR XLVI PRP) | President Godshall |
| 2. VA Secretary Denis McDonough | |
| 3. Financial Report and Budget | Treasurer Devon |
| 4. By-Laws Committee Report (By-Laws Revision) | Chairman Dove |
| 5. SOA Scholarship Committee Report. | Chairman Yevich |
| 6. SOA Brightlight Committee Report. | Chairman Padgett |
| 7. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report | Chair Cummings |
| 8. Information Technology (IT) Committee | Chair McClure |
| 9. SOA Warriors Family Committee Report. | Chairman Boner |

General Membership Meeting Agenda (Cont'd)

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| 10. SOA Chaplain's Report. | Chaplain Padgett |
| 11. SOA Riders Committee Report | Chairman Whitt |
| 12. SOA QM Sales Report | Chairman Daniel |
| 13. SOA Membership Committee Report | Chairman Wilson |
| 14. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report | Chairman Frovarp |
| 15. Special Operations Association Foundation Report. | Director Padgett |
| 16. Non-valor Award Presentations | President Godshall |
| 17. Farewell to SOA Board Members | President Godshall |
| 18. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors | President Godshall |

Treasurer:

Director Position 4:

Director Position 5:

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| 19. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members | President Godshall - Member chair |
| 20. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members | President Godshall - Member chair |
| 21. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members: | President Godshall - Member chair |
| 22. Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members: | President Godshall - Member chair |
| 23. Recognition, 40 Year SOA Members: | President Godshall - Member chair |

B. New Business:

XI. For the Good of the Order President Godshall

XII. Meeting Adjournment:

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

DUFFY JENSEN
Secretary, Special Operations Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 20 October 2021 The Orleans Hotel & Casino Las Vegas, Nevada

- I. Call to Order *1332 PDT* President Godshall
- II. Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms – *Spider Parks, Clete Sinyard, Ron Owens, and George Sternberg* President Godshall
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Director Padgett
- IV. Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs, and POWs Chaplain Padgett
- V. Roll Call SOA Board of Officers/Directors Secretary Jensen
President Godshall, VP Taylor, Secretary Jensen, Treasurer Devon, Director Padgett, Director Leites, Director Rivero, Director Haase
- VI. SOA Special Staff Members Present. President Godshall
- VII. Introduction of Guests President Godshall
- VIII. Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present, President Godshall
and if a quorum present
75 attendees of 262 members present at SOAR represents a quorum
- IX. General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda. President Godshall

President Godshall called for a motion to approve the Agenda for the General Membership Meeting. Clyde Sincere so moved, Marcus Whitt seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- X. Business Meeting:
 - A. Regular Business:
 1. Adopt Standing Rules of Order published in SOAR XLV PRP President Godshall
President Godshall asked for a motion to adopt the Standing Rules of Order. VP Taylor so moved, Rick Grabianowski seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
 2. Approve SOAR XLIV General Membership Mtg Minutes President Godshall
(SOAR XLV PRP)
President Godshall called for a motion to approve the minutes of the SOAR XLIV General Membership Meeting. Treasurer Devon so moved, Director Haase seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

General Membership Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

3. Financial Report Treasurer Devon
SOA – Treasurer Devon reported a very good year with \$175,000 in donations and \$32,000 in quartermaster sales. However, he observed that SOAR expenses were yet to be figured into the financial picture.

SOAF – Treasurer Devon again reported a healthy financial picture for the resurrected SOAF.

He then explained the purpose of the two organizations – 501(c)(19) vs. 501(c)(3). The Foundation, as a 501(c)(3), is a more attractive vehicle for large corporate donors.
4. Special Operations Association Foundation Director Padgett
SOAF Executive Director Padgett reported that there is a major effort underway to revitalize the Foundation and seek out corporate donors.

He also reported a restructuring of the Board to include two community members in addition to the existing nine board members of the SOA.
5. Fundraising Committee Chair MULLOWNEY
Co-Chairman MULLOWNEY reported that the relationship with SOG Specialty Knives & Tools remains lucrative. In addition to the extremely good deal they made on the SOG Bowie 2.0 knives for sale through the SOA QM Store, they also make quarterly donations to the SOA.
6. Membership Report Chairman Wilson
Chairman Wilson reported that during his time as Chairman, approximately 60% of new members are post-Vietnam era warriors. He observed that many of the new members had learned of the SOA through recent recruiting efforts in the SFA The Drop and the Air Commando Journal.

Member Ed Wolcuff suggested the SOA relax eligibility requirements to allow ‘other’ governmental agencies and para-military personnel to join the SOA. President Godshall said he would entertain the discussion outside of the General Membership Meeting.
7. Scholarship Committee Report. Chairman Yevich
Chairman Yevich was not in attendance. President Godshall announced Dr. Steve Yevich as the new Chair of the Scholarship Committee. He then reported that the committee received 15 outstanding applications of the 2021-22 academic year and 8 scholarships were granted.
8. Brightlight Committee Report. Chairman Padgett
Chairman Padgett reported that the Brightlight Committee received no applications this year. He reminded the membership that all applications are confidential and the Brightlight Committee is well funded.

General Membership Meeting Minutes (Cont'd)

9. Warrior's Family Fund Chairman Boner
Chairman Boner reported 5 applications for assistance, two of which were denied due to eligibility.
10. Personal Video History Committee Report Chair Cummings
President Godshall reported that VHP interviews are ongoing. Dennis Cummings was able to raise \$5,500 despite the pandemic.
11. QM Sales Report QM Strange
Quartermaster Strange reported that the newly revamped SOA website has led to increased sales overall and that sales at SOAR were strong. He reported that only 20 of the 150 SOG Bowie 2.0 knives remain.

He also stated that he is looking to step down as quartermaster.
12. Riders Committee Chairman Whitt
Chairman Whitt began by saying that the SOA Riders annual ride is in memory of our MIA. The ride culminates with placing 132 carnations at a local War Memorial. This year's ride raised \$1,087 which was donated to the Scholarship Fund.

In addition to this year's annual ride, there was a 'Last Ride' for Ron Gravett which was well attended.

Next year's ride will be in Morristown, TN and all 89 members of the SOA Riders are encouraged to participate.
13. Chaplain's Report Chaplain Padgett
President Godshall reported Chaplain Padgett has had a busy year making condolence calls and praying with the family members of our fallen SOA brothers.

This morning he gave the invocation and benediction at the Memorial Breakfast for our Unreturned Heroes and also the invocation for our gathering here this afternoon. He will finish his week with the invocation and blessing of our Banquet tomorrow evening.
14. Nominating Committee Chairman Meyer
President Godshall stated that three BoD positions are up for election each year. In 2022 the Treasurer and two Director positions will be elected. Please send nominations to the Nominating Committee NLT 30 Apr 2022.

The Nominating Committee Chairmanship is an open position with an interim Chair. Anyone interested in filling the position, please reach out to the BoD.
15. Tally Committee Report Chairman Keele
President Godshall reported that each BoD position was uncontested.

General Membership Meeting Minutes (*Cont'd*)

16. Farewell to SOA Board Members President Godshall
President Godshall thanked departing Director Bobby Leitz for his contributions to the SOA.
17. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors President Godshall
Secretary: *Duffy Jensen*
Director Position 2: *RT Rivero*
Director Position 3: *Marcus Whitt*
18. Non-Valor Award Presentation President Godshall - Member chair
a. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members:
b. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members:
c. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members:
d. Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members:
e. Recognition, 40 Year SOA Members:

XI. Meeting Adjournment: *1459 PDT*

Respectfully Submitted by

Duffy Jensen

DUFFY JENSEN

Secretary, Special Operations Association

Resolution to Amend SOA Bylaws

Currently, the SOA Bylaws provide for the three-year terms of the President and Vice President to begin and end simultaneously. Accordingly, the President and Vice President are elected in the same year for a three-year term and both complete their terms and leave office in the same year. This situation creates a lack of continuity in the elected leadership of the SOA.

The recommended solution to this issue is to trade the election years of the Vice President and the Treasurer. This would require amendment to the Bylaws by a two-thirds vote at a General Membership Meeting.

This PRP article, SOA Newsletters, Facebook postings and an SOA webpage announcement constitute the required notice to the membership prior to a vote on the following resolution at SOAR XLVI, October 2022. The Board of Directors recommends this change to stagger the elections of the President and the Vice President in order to ensure continuity among SOA leadership.

The proposed change to the Bylaws that will be voted on during the General Membership Meeting at SOARXLVI:

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION THAT SOA BYLAWS ARTICLE V, SECTIONS D.1 AND D.3 SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

“D. TERMS—ONE THIRD OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE ELECTED EVERY YEAR FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM BY ABSENTEE OR ELECTRONIC BALLOT AND WITHIN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO A SCHEDULED REUNION OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. THE BASE YEAR FOR THE THREE-YEAR TERMS OF THE PRESIDENT, TREASURER AND DIRECTOR PLACE 1 IS 2002.
3. THE BASE YEAR FOR THE THREE-YEAR TERMS OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECTOR PLACE 4 AND DIRECTOR PLACES IS 2004.”

RESOLVED, THIS THE 17th DAY OF March, 2022.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION.

BY:



SECRETARY

George C. Morton Scholarship Report

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2022-23

For the 2022-23 school year, there were 39 students who expressed interest in applying for the George C. Morton Scholarship. Of these, 23 students followed through with completed applications, meeting the deadline of 15 APR 22. These applications were de-identified as much as possible for gender, race, SOA Sponsor's name, and other factors that could have provided an unfair bias.

The 23 complete applications were scanned into PDF format and posted onto OneCloud for the 19 volunteer Evaluators to download, read, and rank according to their own merit system. Results from these Evaluators is due by 1 JUL 22. The SOA Treasurer will determine the number of awards that can be financed, and the results will be collated and submitted to the SOA BoD for final approval. The finalists will be contacted by the SOA President shortly after the mid-JUL BoD meeting.

APPROVED INCREASE IN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO \$4000

The SOA BoD has approved an increase of the SOA Scholarship award from \$3000 to \$4000 starting THIS YEAR. The increase reflected inflation and the increased costs of tuition for colleges/universities.

Brightlight Committee Report

The Operation Brightlight (BL) 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 (SOAR). Members proposed and considered for BL grants are kept anonymous as far as possible, with names being revealed only to the BL committee and special staff.

Costs eligible for assistance are round trip transportation, hotel accommodations, SOAR registration, and an allowance for cab fare, meals, and incidentals. Assistance also extends to a family member who is the member's primary care giver, if required.

The Brightlight (BL) Committee received no applications during the last year for SOAR 2021 and has yet to receive any applications for SOAR XLVI in 2022.

The Brightlight Committee welcomes applications from SOA Members who, due to extenuating circumstances, cannot afford to attend the annual SOAR in Las Vegas. Brightlight traditionally funds air transportation, SOAR registration, hotel rooms, meals, and any SOAR events, such as a Memorial Breakfast and/or the SOAR Banquet; any or all of these, depending on the review of the candidate's information at the time of the application. The Committee will also consider funding care givers for members requiring ambulatory or other assistance on a case-to-case basis.

Contact information is below. The Committee will provide you with all requirements. It is a painless process. The names of all candidates are kept confidential and known only to the Brightlight Committee and necessary special staff.

The Brightlight Fund is well funded and prepared to assist our brother warriors.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Owens
Committee Chair

Brightlight Committee contact information:

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Rick Grabianowski, rick@grabianowski.com
Tim Schaaf, schaafnt@msm.com

Warrior's Family Fund Report

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.

2022 Request for Assistance

As of the PRP preparation, there have been no requests for assistance.

Donations and Fund Raising

The Warrior's Family Fund has received \$200 through donations and fundraising efforts since the beginning of 2022. Although the Warrior's Family Fund is healthy, continued contributions allow the SOA to assist our Warriors' family members who might find themselves in unexpected need. You can easily contribute to the Warrior's Family Fund through the SOA Website Donate tab, completing the requested information, and selecting the Warrior Family Fund button.

The Fund's balance as of May 2022 was \$8,834.

/s/Horace Boner
WFF Chairman

Accounting for Missing from the Vietnam War

by SOA/SFA POW/MIA Chairman Mike Taylor

The Joint SOA/SFA POW/MIA Committee (POW/MIA Committee) was invited to speak at the Annual Meeting of the National League of POW/MIA Families. This meeting was cancelled due to COVID; but, I would like to share our planned remarks with our members so they know our opinion on where the accounting mission stands.

Our POW/MIA Committee has consistently been among the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency's (DPAA) staunchest supporters. We greatly appreciate and value the tremendous dedication and commitment those responsibly involved in the accounting mission, especially those involved in the Vietnam (VN) War accounting mission. But, we feel the current status of the effort to achieve the fullest possible accounting for missing and unaccounted-for personnel from the VN War will not allow us to continue unwavering full-throated support of DPAA's efforts in this arena. We have had growing concerns in recent years with the direction of VN War accounting. Several critical issues prompt our concerns.

For example, we are concerned with the continuing paucity of capable, dedicated intelligence analysts regarding the VN War mission. The few dedicated analysts currently on board have totally impossible workloads. Hiring new and replacement analysts should be done while experienced personnel are available to train their replacements. This has not been the case. Most potential new hires were born long after the cessation of "our war" and do not have the requisite skills nor historical knowledge related to that conflict. We have repeatedly raised this matter with DPAA leadership. Regrettably, we have seen little progress in that regard.

We are often assured that DPAA's primary

operational priority is the VN War. We listen to these assurances, but need to observe what is actually being done. We lost two years of VN War-related efforts due to the pandemic and there is no apparent "surge" or "catch-up" plan to make up for these lost opportunities. This is especially regrettable due to our closing window of opportunity based on the loss rate of potential witnesses who are dying daily, the acidic soil inexorably consuming potentially recoverable remains and urban development which consumes possible recovery sites. We owe major thanks to the Vietnamese for their unilateral investigation and recovery efforts in the face of COVID. But, the fact remains that we have lost valuable time in VN War accounting due to cancellations, etc. associated with the pandemic and there does not seem to be a plan to surge when things open up.

We understand DPAA plans only one Investigation Team in VN and one Investigation Team in Laos during the third quarter of this fiscal year. This is entirely unacceptable in our organizations' opinions. We are told there are insufficient funds for more robust, additional operations. We have noticed DPAA budget requests over the past several years have basically requested the same funding they received for the previous year. DPAA should plan for the most robust operations their personnel can accomplish and seek adequate funding for those plans. It appears that the VN War branch has been operating at about half their prior budget this year, directly impacting the number of people in the field. It appears that the other 50% of the VN War accounting budget has been siphoned largely to the Partnerships and Innovation Directorate, the case management system and a small plus-up to Europe-Mediterranean. We believe it will be difficult for DPAA to advocate for additional

Accounting for Missing from the Vietnam War (Cont'd)

funding from Congress for VN War accounting efforts due to the small number of VN War identifications.

I recently asked how many sites are on the Master Excavation List (MEL) - the answer was 122. The oldest site on the list has been there since 1993. Many of them have been on the MEL 10 to 15 years. What good does it accomplish for a case to make it onto the MEL if there are never any funds for excavations? There does not seem to be much appetite within DPAA for digging cases on the MEL.

Much of the shift away from VN War operations dates back to Congress having encouraged DPAA to develop the capability to achieve 200 identifications per year. DPAA was not directed to actually accomplish 200 identifications annually, but it seems that some on the DPAA staff saw this as an opportunity to impress Congress by doing so. The easiest way to accomplish this "goal" was to disinter and identify previously unidentified "missing and unaccounted-for" personnel, primarily from World War II and Korea. These personnel were NOT missing and unaccounted-for, they were buried in US or allied cemeteries, mostly in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl) in Hawai'i or allied European and Pacific cemeteries. In FY2017, the first time DPAA achieved 201 identifications, of those 201 identifications, there were only ten identifications of recovered remains from the VN War (5%). Since then, there have been 750 identifications, only 18 of which were from the VN War (2.4%). We are left to wonder, why is there a higher priority given to WW II disinterments rather than field recoveries and identification of VN War remains?

DPAA has recently announced formation of the VN War Identification Project. I recently met in Hawaii with Dr. Nicolette Parr, Scientific Analysis Directorate and head of the VN

War Identification Project, and Dr. Debra (Debbi) Zinni, Laboratory Deputy Director. I asked Dr. Parr who else was on her team in the Project. She said she is the only person assigned. It seems the sole activity of the Project so far is processing remains in the lab that were previously unidentifiable using older techniques. In my opinion, what we need is more teams in the field looking and digging, not rehashing old remains that have been in the lab for years.

We have offered to participate in DPAA's ongoing efforts to develop a definition of "fullest possible accounting" (FPA), our ultimate goal. DPAA's focus on FPA may not be what it appears to be. Families and veterans hope that it means a redoubling of DPAA's efforts to find people, but sadly, that may not be the case. FPA threatens to become a way to administratively write-off cases lacking further leads, cases where some want to make the case that those remains are no longer physically recoverable. Those cases would then be administratively "closed" (although not resolved, by law).

Lastly, we have had repeated problems when it comes to getting straight and accurate responses from DPAA. It is disheartening to learn that when we (and others) repeatedly ask simple questions, we often get no response, varying responses or clearly misleading and non-responsive replies.

I wish to conclude by once again stressing these comments, as difficult as they are for me to make, should not be construed as overall criticism of the dedicated and committed personnel at DPAA who toil in the trenches of this most important mission. I sincerely hope that these opinions do not injure the healthy relationships we enjoy with DPAA. But, we feel these are remarks and opinions they need to hear.

Video History and Archive Project Report

While we continue to add to the number of interviews recorded each year, we still need your help to complete more. For the past several years we have managed to record fourteen interviews at each reunion. It is possible to conduct several more, but we need your assistance. This year at SOAR, we will be conducting interviews Monday through Friday. Please come by the archive table and sign up as early as possible. Monday morning interview time slots are usually the most difficult to fill, so if you plan to arrive on Sunday or earlier please consider a Monday time slot. If you already have your trip reservations made and would like to schedule an interview in advance please contact me via one of the methods listed below. Every year we witness more and more of our members passing away or becoming so ill that they cannot be interviewed. As we all know, with them goes their history, the history of Special Operations and the lessons learned during the most demanding missions in history. Please sit for an interview so that we can preserve those stories, lessons and Special Operations history.

As always, the archive is looking for historical Special Operations items for our display at SOAR. Please look through your collection for anything that would be of interest to the SOA and our members. The Archive table draws a lot of attention at the reunion and everyone enjoys the display. We would love to add your donated items to what we currently have to make the display even better for everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Vegas.

Dennis Cummings
SOA Archivist

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Information Technology Report

The following tasks have been undertaken by the IT Committee during the past year:

1. The “Members Only” aspect of the website has been deleted, and all pages can now be accessed without the need to log in with a password.
2. The SOA website continues to be revised to modernize the “look” and to make it more useful and attractive. Work also continues with improving the Quartermaster Sales pages and mostly involves fixing some “glitches” and updating new items.
3. An online Board of Directors voting system is in the process of being tested, to allow that as an option regarding the annual SOA election, in an effort to make it more efficient and accessible.
4. The SOA Foundation website is also being updated to further the goals of the Foundation.
5. Communications with SOA members through the Monthly Newsletter is going well (it has a current circulation of approximately 1500 members).
6. The SOA Facebook page is going well, with a “following” of over 1,600.
7. John Stryker “Tilt” Meyer authors a top-rated podcast, called “SOGCast,” which is not an “official” effort of the SOA, but is nonetheless encouraged by SOA. For those interested, a search on the web for “SOGCast” will lead to the podcast site.

Chris McClure, IT Committee Chairman
Bonnie Cooper, Website Manager

SOA Election

2022

SOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

New Balloting Procedures

The 2022 election of SOA Board Officers and Directors will employ an electronic balloting system. An electronic ballot will be emailed NLT 1 August 2022, to General Members in good standing who have an email address on file. Those without a valid email address will receive a paper ballot via USPS.

Ballots must be received/postmarked by the deadline: **30 September 2022.**

If you have any questions, contact:
Ray Frovarp, Tally Chairman
rmfrovarp@gmail.com 910 850 6023

Candidate for SOA Treasurer

Phil Devon SOA 3118-GL

I am a Lifetime member of SOA. My military service included assignments with the 6th and 7th SF Groups, and a tour in Vietnam with MACV-SOG in CCS, as well as time with the JFK CFSW at Fort Bragg.

Following my time in the military, I finished my education with a master's degree in accounting and spent my final 28 years with a Fortune 500 Company serving in various senior finance positions. I have served with various volunteer organizations and am an active member and Officer of Chapter 21 of the Special Forces Association.

I have been honored to serve as your Treasurer for the past 3 years. I believe that I can continue to provide quality financial direction to the group as well as fiduciary- oversight for the monetary assets of SOA. If elected, I will strive to ensure financial integrity and stability to the Special Operations Association.

Thank you for your consideration.



SOA Election Candidates

Candidate for SOA Director

David K. Gordon SOA 20 GL

I served as a Hatchet Force Platoon Leader at CCN in 1969 until MEDIVACed back to USA. After recovery and assignments at Ft Bragg, I returned to Vietnam in 1971 assigned to the operations section at CCC.

I have been a member of the SOA from the very beginning. There have been many changes, challenges, and growth within the organization throughout the years. Due to the dedication and work of many, the SOA has continued to survive and support its members and commitments. Through these years I have had the great opportunity to reconnect with former compatriots and have gained many new friends.

I am retired from careers of 26 years in the Army and then 17 years in the civilian fire service. I now have the time and would like to give back to this great organization. Thank you in advance for your support and vote.



Candidate for SOA Director

Ronald E. Owens SOA 2164 GL

I appreciate the opportunity to run for the SOA Board of Directors now that I am recently retired and after attending many reunions of the past 30+ years. If elected, I would be honored to dedicate time giving back to the SOA.

My active-duty experience includes 5th SFG Vietnam – CCN one/one on RT Sidewinder. In Thailand at NKP, Communications and Weather FAC, and Brightlight. At Ft. Bragg, 5th SFG ODA team member, NCOIC for Special Weapons and Training locker. 7th SFG Ft. Bragg, ODA team member.

I have spent the last 20+ years as a military contractor with the Special Forces Training Command at Camp Mackall in direct support of training exercises (i.e. Robin Sage) for Special Forces candidates. Additionally, I have contractual experience with DOD, DOE, and other corporate entities providing oversight, training, and leadership services.

Thank you for your consideration.



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MG (Ret) Singlaub/Jedburgh Award



LTG Braga, CW3 Montenaro, and SOA President Godshall

Following two consecutive pandemic postponements, the U.S. Army Special Operations Command held their Red & Black Ball on 5 May 2022. The highlight of the evening was the formal presentation of the 2021 Singlaub Award. LTG Jonathan Braga, USASOC Commanding General, and SOA President Doug Godshall presented the MG John K. Singlaub/Jedburgh Award to Chief Warrant Officer Three Michael R. Montenaro.

MSG Usiel “RG” Arguelles (2019) and 1SG Gregory Keller (2020), previously featured in the SOA’s PRPs, were not in attendance for a formal presentation.

MG Richard Angle, Commanding General of the 1st Special Forces Command, fully

endorsed CW3 Michael Montenaro’s selection for the Singlaub Award. CW3 Montenaro’s performance is of the highest caliber and unmatched in 1st Special Forces Command. His dedicated military service and exceptional achievements show that he is truly deserving of this award for his tremendous contributions. He exemplifies the Army Special Operation Forces’ next traits of toughness and audacity. And epitomizes the Army Special Operation Forces’ promise to “Protect the Nation, Without Fear, Without Fail, and Without Equal.”

Michael Montenaro was born in Columbus, Ohio. In 2002, he enlisted in the U.S. Army under an 18X contract and completed

One Station Unit Training and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia. He then attended the Special Forces Assessment and Selection at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Upon completion of the Special Forces Qualification course in August 2004, he was assigned as an 18E, Special Forces Communications Sergeant, to the 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne) Ft. Bragg.

As a Special Forces Communications and Intelligence Sergeant for Special Forces Operational Detachment – Alpha (SFOD-A) 7123, he deployed three times in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. In 2007, he received two Purple Heart decorations for his wounds during combat operations. As a turret gunner during an operation in the

MG (Ret) Singlaub/Jedburgh Award

(Cont'd)

Mizan District, Zabul Province, dismounted members of his Detachment came under direct fire and were pinned down behind a wall. He maneuvered his Ground Mobility Vehicle (GMV) to a support by fire position and provided suppressing fire which allowed trapped members to bound out of harm's way. While providing continuous suppressing fire, he was shot in both his arm and chest. In 2008, SGT Montenaro continuously conducted intelligence updates and trained Afghani Commandos in marksmanship, small unit tactics, and mission planning. In 2009, SGT Montenaro deployed to El Salvador where he assisted in training Salvadorian Soldiers earning the El Salvadoran Distinguished Service Medal.

Montenaro was selected to attend the Special Forces Warrant Officer Technical and Tactical Course in 2010, followed by a deployment to Afghanistan. He served as the assistant detachment commander for a highly classified and sensitive mission involving UW and Advent Laden operations directly supporting USCENTCOM Commander's objectives for ACCM IVY GHOST. His professional demeanor and command presence allowed him to synchronize all sensitive activities with multiple agencies within the intelligence community.

As the Company Operations Warrant for SFOD-B 7120, CW3 Montenaro conducted consecutive deployments to Colombia in support of SOCSOUTH Commander's objectives. He oversaw all operations for 20 elements in 2 different countries, gaining approval for 300 CONOPS. CW3 Montenaro obtained approval for operational support to Colombian military efforts to recover a kidnapped Colombian general officer by assisting partner forces on the target. This was the first type of USSOF operational support since 2008.

CW3 Montenaro's expertise in battle tracking and sensitive activities were paramount during his assignment to SOCSOUTH. In 2017, during natural disaster of Hurricane Irma, Montenaro developed a geospatial tracking system to track all personnel supporting TF Wayland Islands and conducting evacuations. Additionally, as the Chief of Operations, he oversaw all sensitive activities conducted in six different countries and coordinated all operations with multiple JIIM members.

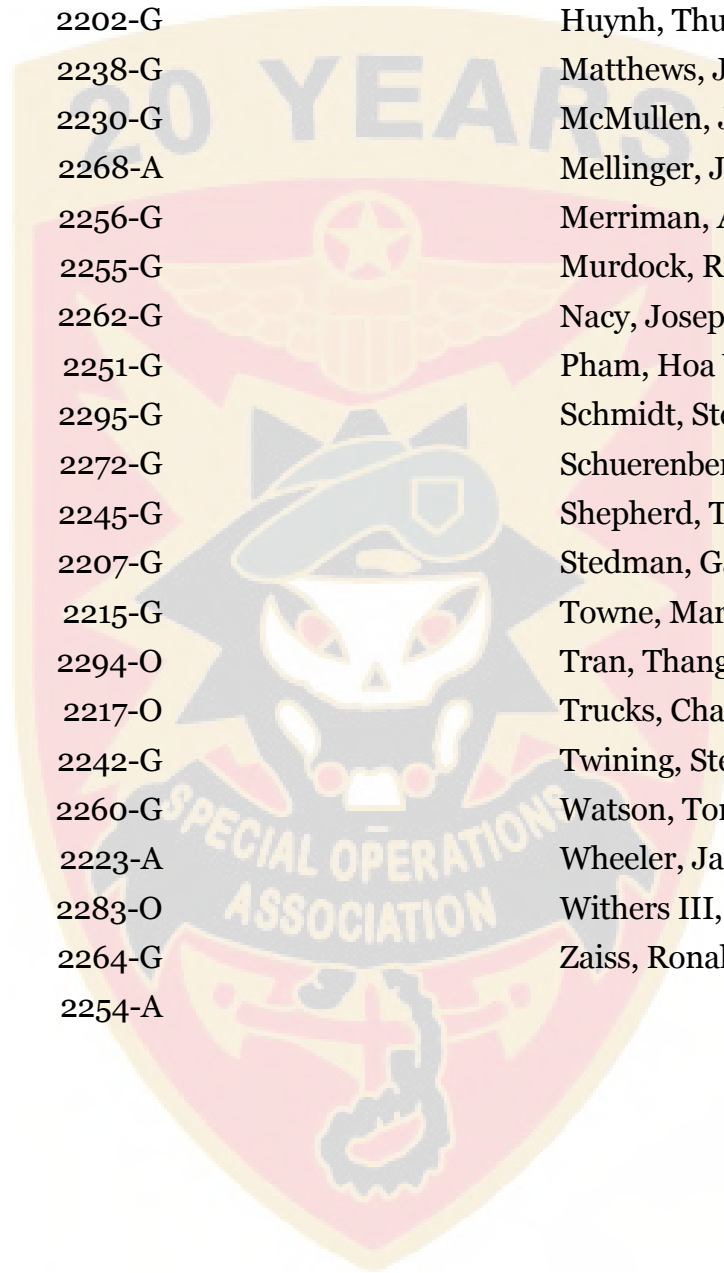
In 2020, CW3 Montenaro was hand selected to be the Company Operations Officer for Charlie Company, 3rd Battalion 7th SFG(A). His operational experience and mental agility allowed him to spearhead the transition of the company from the SOUTHCOM Crisis Response Force to the Hard Target Defeat Company while simultaneously preparing the company for their first Company level SOUTHCOM rotation in over ten years.

The MG John K Singlaub/Jedburgh Award was created in honor and recognition of retired Major General Singlaub's courageous actions on and off the battlefield and as well as his significant contributions to the U.S. Army Special Operations Forces. MG Singlaub is a legend among SOF warriors, a forefather of the modern-day Green Beret, and had a long and distinguished career and history in Special Operations. He served in the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) in France and China during World War II. During the Korean War, he helped create the Ranger Training Center at Ft. Benning, GA., and served with the CIA. During Vietnam he commanded an infantry battalion and commanded Military Assistance Command Vietnam – Studies and Observations Group (MACV-SOG).

SOA Members Achieving 20 Year Status

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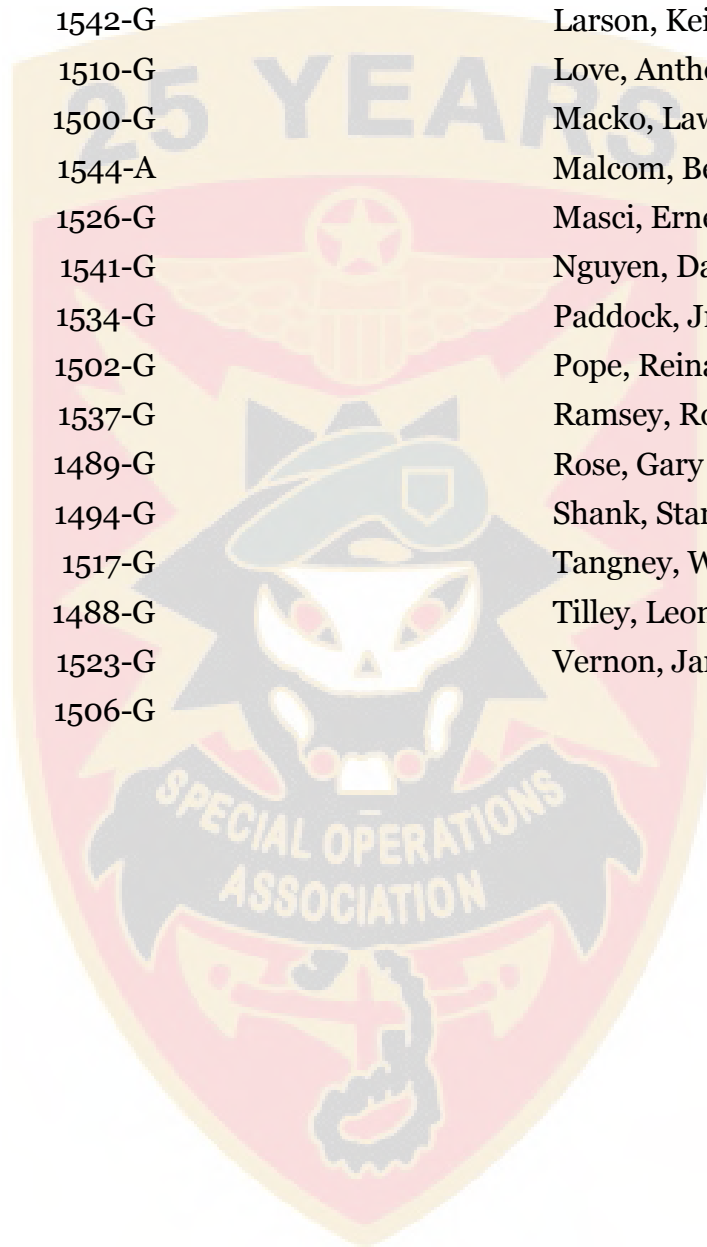
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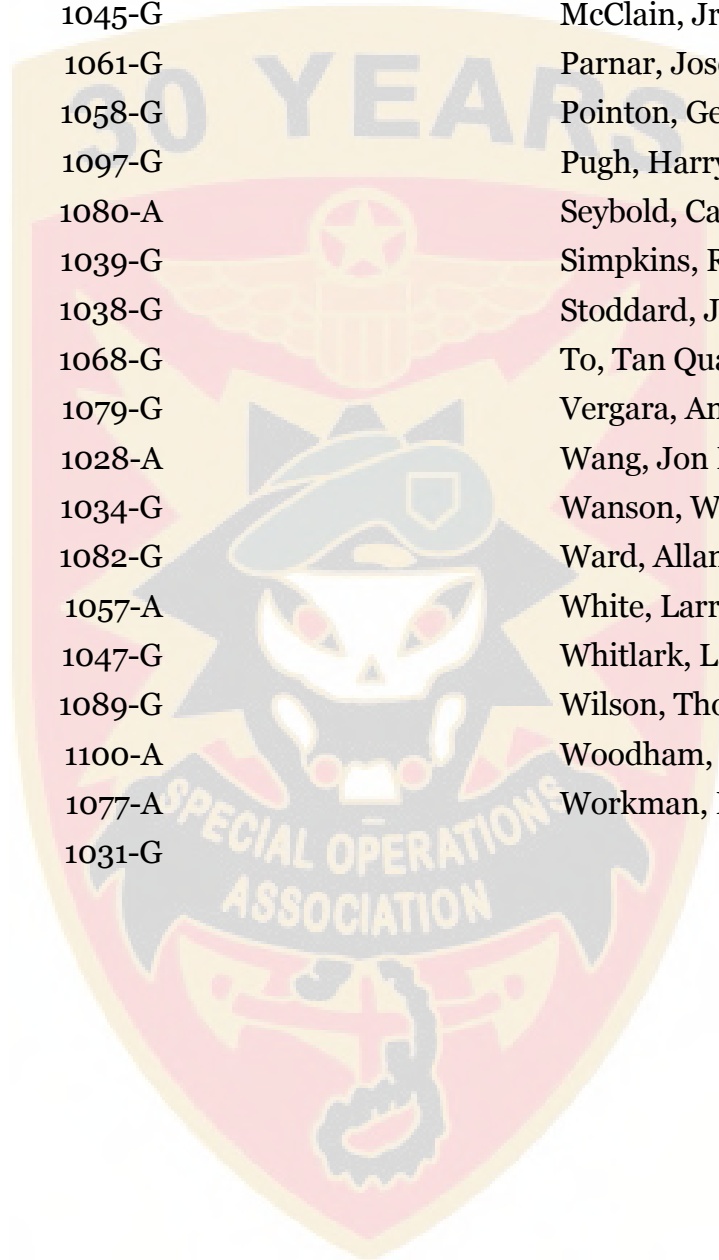
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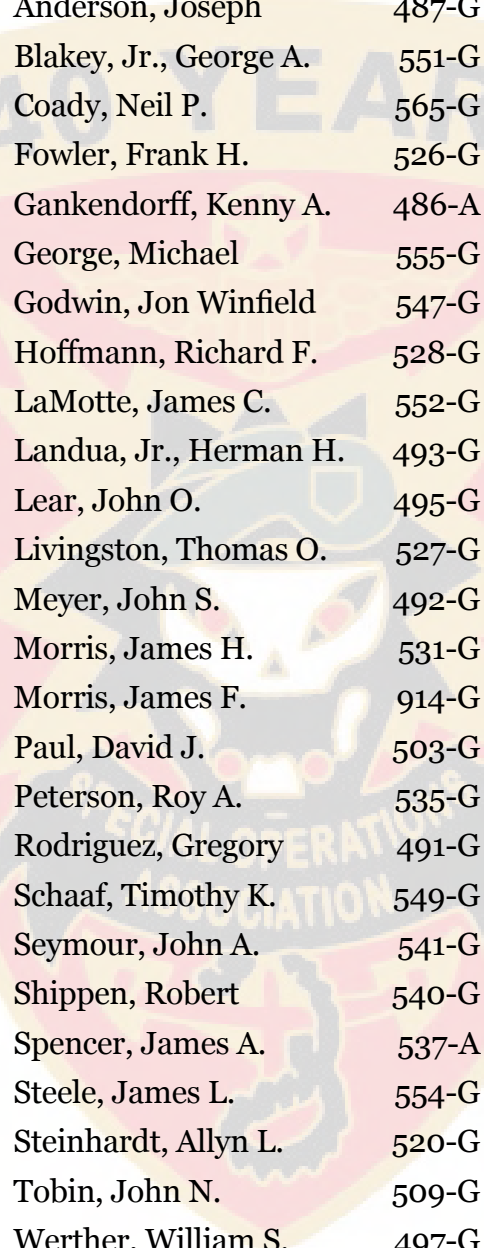
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Brady, Martin	777-G
Cole, James B.	794-G
Cook, David A.	776-A
Faistenhammer, Ludwig	804-G
Fleming, Jr., Allan F.	753-G
Heminger, Patrick J.	803-G
Henry, Kenneth W.	778-G
McBroom, Claude O.	768-G
McClure, Christopher E.	770-G
Paladino, Vito W.	779-G
Randall, Charles M.	789-G
Sherman, Stephen G.	759-A
Stahl, Michael G.	744-G
Trafford, Mel L.	769-G
Tramel, James M.	783-G
Urbaniak, Bruno	747-G
Walsh, William P.	761-G
White, James A.	758-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 2022 SOA General Membership Meeting:

A large, semi-transparent watermark logo for the SOA 40th Anniversary is centered in the background. It features a shield with a stylized figure holding a rifle, with the text '40 YEARS' at the top and 'SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION' at the bottom.

Anderson, Joseph	487-G
Blakey, Jr., George A.	551-G
Coady, Neil P.	565-G
Fowler, Frank H.	526-G
Gankendorff, Kenny A.	486-A
George, Michael	555-G
Godwin, Jon Winfield	547-G
Hoffmann, Richard F.	528-G
LaMotte, James C.	552-G
Landua, Jr., Herman H.	493-G
Lear, John O.	495-G
Livingston, Thomas O.	527-G
Meyer, John S.	492-G
Morris, James H.	531-G
Morris, James F.	914-G
Paul, David J.	503-G
Peterson, Roy A.	535-G
Rodriguez, Gregory	491-G
Schaaf, Timothy K.	549-G
Seymour, John A.	541-G
Shippen, Robert	540-G
Spencer, James A.	537-A
Steele, James L.	554-G
Steinhardt, Allyn L.	520-G
Tobin, John N.	509-G
Werther, William S.	497-G

SOA Members Achieving 45 Year Status

The following have achieved 45-year status as Members in the Special Operations Association. In recognition, they will be awarded their 45-year SOA pin during the conduct of the 2022 SOAR Banquet:

Bath, James D.	589-G
Hernandez, Samuel D.	61-G
Leites, Robert L.	53-G
Masterjoseph, Robert	51-G
Maurer, David A.	721-G
McGlothren, Lemuel D.	443-G
Siglow, Jesse W.	38-G
Siugzda, Herb	30-G
Slatton, James W.	25-G





SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

WE ARE DOING SOMETHING DIFFERENT AT SOAR 2022!

Instead of a Silent Auction, we collected several attractive items that we will offer at the **SOAR 2022 Raffle**. Proceeds will still go to the SOA Charitable activities and the SOA Foundation.

You can buy as many tickets as you wish to WIN (Details and Price for tickets will be available at the **SOAR 2022 Raffle** Table in the Vendor Area)

We have an array of several vendors and members who have generously donated items for auction.

Here is a taste of the SOAR 2022 Raffle items...



2 X Glock Pistols - That can be customized



Bonnie Cooper's Hand Made Patriot Quilt



SOG Knife Serial Number 1



POP Smoke Coffee Gift Basket of Items



Black Rifle Coffee Company's Coffee Pack

Winning Tickets will be drawn on Wednesday 19 October. Winners will be announced at the Raffle Table at 1600 Hours on Wednesday 19 October. You **MUST** be present to win!

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 ½ Page\$400**
- Interior ¼ 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:
Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
661 W. Calle Torres Blancas, #5108,
Green Valley, AZ 85614
cjrsincere@gmail.com

Endowments, Bequests and Wills

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

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

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

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

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

I. General language for a Bequest

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

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):
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.
- C. If at any time in the judgment of the governing body of the Organization, it is deemed impossible or impracticable to carry out the stated purpose of the bequest, the governing body of the Organization shall determine a purpose as near as possible to the purpose stated in the bequest.

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

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

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



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

Planned Monthly Giving Program Registration Form

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

To participate, 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

- 1st of Billing Month 10th of Billing Month 15th of Billing Month
- 20th of Billing Month 25th of Billing Month 30th of Billing Month

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

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

PAYMENT BY AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS:

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

IMO (IN MEMORY OF) ASSIGNMENT:

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

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

MONTHLY CHARGE/WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION:

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

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

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

Authorizing Signature: _____



The Special Operations Association presents
BOWLING FOR THE FOUNDATION!

THE ORLEANS BOWLING ARENA
Wednesday evening, 19 October 2022
1930 hours – finish

Come and join your fellow SOA members, families, and guests in this family-friendly event to support the SOAF!

For a \$10.00 entry fee:

- All participants will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift certificate basket, compliments of the Orleans Hotel and Casino
- There will be a prize for the highest score
- All proceeds go to support the Special Operations Association Foundation
- This event is for fun and support of the SOAF mission. Heckling, rude remarks (no profanity), and friendly harassment of other bowlers will be tolerated. It will also be judged.



SOA ANNUAL MEMBERS

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY:

January 31
(EVERY YEAR)

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A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE





SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SOA FEE SCHEDULE

Fees can be processed online on the public side of the SOA website by clicking the Membership tab. It is not necessary to logon to the members' side.

ORDER REPLACEMENT LIFE OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CARD

\$20 Life Members
\$10 Annual Members

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

\$30 If paid before January 31
\$35 If paid after January 31

REINSTATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

\$25 Add fee if you have not renewed in more than 12 months

If you are applying for reinstatement or a change in status from annual to life, contact the Membership Committee in advance to verify status.

Fraternally,

Joe Wilson, Membership Chairman
(954) 448-2981
email: membership@specialoperations.org

www.specialoperations.org



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGE FORM

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

This information can be processed on the SOA website by clicking Membership tab or mailed.

MEMBER PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION

SOA# _____ Date of change _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

NEXT-OF-KIN CONTACT INFORMATION

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

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Joe Wilson, Membership Chairman
email: membership@specialoperations.org
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N. Las Vegas, NV 89033

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MEMBER RECRUITMENT INITIATIVE

UNCONVENTIONAL WARRIORS, THE LEGACY ENDURES

Capt. Jim Butler founded the Special Operations Association in November 1976 with a primary mission to ***unite fraternally all past and present American and Allied military personnel who have conducted special operations in a combat environment***, and to continue the close relations forged in combat while serving on recon team RT Python.

We have a special kind of brotherhood. We would have given our lives for each other and in some cases, we did.
- Jim Butler, SOA Founder



Jim's poignant comments still resonate with today's combat warriors who continue to carry forward our mission.

We continue to have successful recruitment years; however, attrition continues to take its toll and we still have work to do.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Help create a list of websites, newsletters, publications, Special Operations reunions, etc., to update the SOA website calendar and determine placement for SOA recruitment ads.
- Visit the SOA website, get familiar with membership qualifications and documentation requirements and volunteer to represent the SOA at conventions, reunions, and meetings.
- Attend SOA's 46th anniversary in October 2022; bring guests and encourage other SOA members and potential members to attend.

Jim Shorten, Chair of the recruitment initiative and I ask all SOA members to help in recruiting qualified Special Operations combat veterans, especially the modern-day, post 9/11 warriors.

Fraternally,
Joe Wilson, Membership Chairman
954 448-2981
membership@specialoperations.org

Jim Shorten
520 249-6692
TheEmeraldSea@aol.com

www.specialoperations.org

Reunion Information



SOAR XLVI REUNION INFORMATION 17-21 October 2022



Eligibility: SOA members in good standing and their guests.

Where: The Orleans Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Register by Phone: 800 675-3267
Or online: www.orleanscasino.com/groups

SOAR Group Code: SOAJ22C (Sierra-Oscar-Alpha-Juliet-Two-Two-Charlie).

Sunday through Thursday daily – \$47 per day plus tax and resort fee.
Friday and Saturday – \$97 per day, plus tax and resort fee.

SOAR room rates are guaranteed through 12 Sept. 2022.

Banquet Seating: Reserve your banquet seat after you check in.

End of Reunion: All SOAR activities will cease at 1200, Friday, 21 October 2022.

Updates will be posted on the SOA website:

SPECIALOPERATIONS.ORG

Registration Information



SOAR XLVI REGISTRATION INFORMATION 17-21 October 2022



SOAR XLVI registration for reunion fees and individual events must be completed online on the SOA website: SpecialOperations.org

Members preferring to pay by cash, check, or money order, may do so at the registration desk on arrival at SOAR in October.

Reunion Fees: Choose Full **or** Daily:

FULL — \$215 per person

- Includes Hospitality all days, Wednesday Luncheon, and the Thursday Banquet.

DAILY — \$90 per day per person, individual days include:

- Monday – Hospitality
- Tuesday – Hospitality
- Wednesday – Hospitality + Luncheon
- Thursday – Hospitality + Banquet

Individual Events: Fees for individual events, Entertainment and CCS Southern Brotherhood Breakfast are not included in the Reunion Fees and must be completed on separate registration forms.

Name Badges: For security, reunion name badges will be provided and must be displayed during the reunion. Temporary badges will be available for attendees arriving after the registration desk closes.

Refunds: All requests for refunds must be submitted to the Registrar.

If you have questions or need assistance completing the online forms, contact the Registrar:

Ivan Davis, SOAR Registrar
Registrar4soar@gmail.com
541-543-1073



SOA QUARTERMASTER SALES



<https://www.specialoperations.org/soa/qm-shop/>

Bob Daniels, Quartermaster, Call or Text 727-804-0481, soaquartermaster@gmail.com

SOA members

I am privileged to serve as Quartermaster and encourage all members to visit the newly redesigned online QM store to view the SOA product inventory which includes product descriptions, pictures, and prices. Credit cards and checks are accepted for online purchases.

NEWEST PRODUCTS — The SOA backpack, travel bag, and Logo Car Emblem are the newest items in our inventory.



POPULAR PRODUCTS — The products purchased most often are clothing, coffee cups, bullet glasses and SOA coins.



I welcome all suggestions and recommendations for new product ideas. If you have any questions about a product, or need assistance placing an order, contact me.

Fraternally,

Bob Daniels, SOA Quartermaster

Call or Text 727 804-0481

THE SOA's MACVSOG MEDAL OF HONOR PRINT

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

Limited Edition of 250 Prints

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



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

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

- Col Robert C. Howard, US Army Special Forces, CCC, Hatchet Force Rescue (Most decorated serviceman in U.S. History, submitted for the MOH three times in 13 months and appearing on the cover of the Green Beret Magazine October 1969). **NOTE: Colonel Howard passed away on 23 December 2009.**
- Col James P. Fleming, US Air Force 20th Special Operation Squadron's Green Hornet for rescuing RT Chisel, CCS, from imminent annihilation.
- Lt Michael E. Thornton, US Navy SEAL, STOAT, for saving the life of 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.

THE SOA's MACVSOG MEDAL OF HONOR PRINT IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN THE ONLINE SOA QM STORE



THE FOUNDATION IS HERE TO LEND A HAND

What the Foundation does

- Supports the Special Operations Association scholarship program
- Assists family members and survivors of the Special Operations community through the Women's Auxiliary Committee
- Fosters the wellbeing of the Special Operations community by supporting educational and outreach opportunities
- Addresses critical needs of Special Operations soldiers or families as identified by the Special Operations Association

Do You Know of a Special Operations Brother or Family That Needs Help?
Do you have an idea for a wellbeing event?
Contact the Foundation's Executive Director at **bacsi10@yahoo.com**

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Go to **www.soafoundation.net** to donate
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