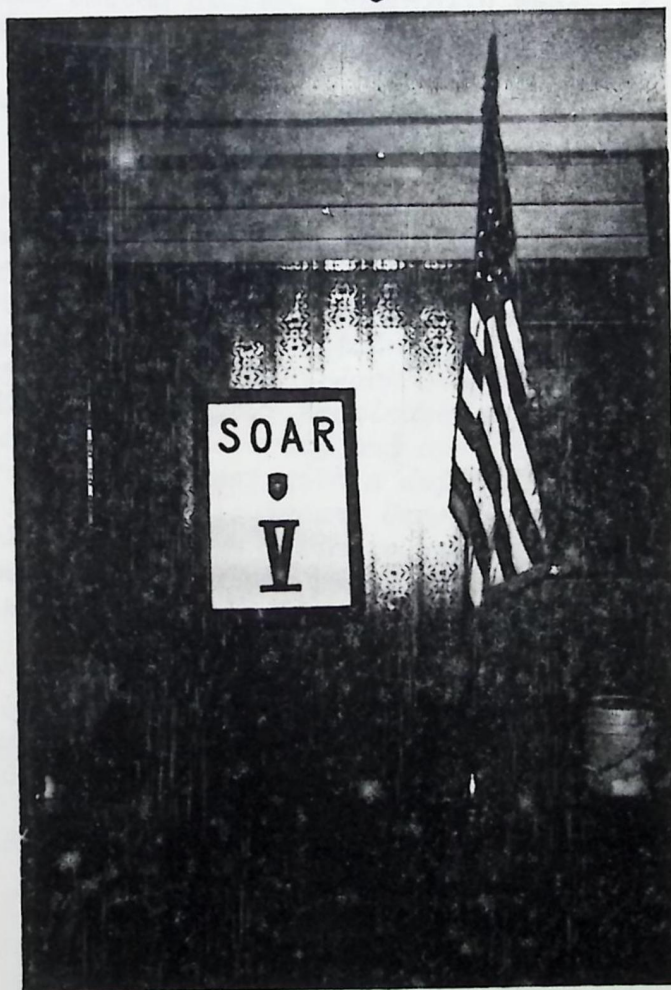


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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

March 1982

The President's Letter, SOA

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to all of you who attended the SOAR V Reunion in Las Vegas, and who gave me your vote of confidence in electing me as your new president of the Special Operations Association. I accept the challenge with deep humility, recognizing full well the great advances that our association has made over the past few years under the able leadership of my predecessors. Hopefully, as in the case of Jim Butler, Jack Isler and Jim Monaghan before me, I can continue to add to the professionalism of our unique association.

During the past two (2) years, primarily under the leadership of Jim Monaghan, our association has grown from a predominantly social organization of "survivors" into an association dedicated to being an effective force that can and will speak for the veterans of the United States, especially those of our missing comrades-in-arms who are still unaccounted for from the wars in Korea and Vietnam. Keeping America aware of its responsibilities to those brave individuals who willingly volunteered to defend our country, and the obligation that America has in return, shall continue to be a major goal of the association during my tenure as president.

We all recognize the value and importance of renewing old friendships we gained through our respect for each other in combat as members of a Special Operations unit. Our first three (3) SOA Reunions were primarily dedicated to that purpose. Commencing with SOAR IV, efforts were made to establish and broaden the professionalism of our association by obtaining three (3) outstanding guest speakers - the Honorable Phil Crane, Major General Jack Singlaub, and Ms. Ann Mills Griffiths. These prominent speakers enhanced our knowledge of the threat that international communism poses to our national security and our democratic way of life, and the necessity for countering this threat with a defense capability SECOND TO NONE! SOAR V followed this trend with Lieutenant General Sam Wilson as our guest speaker. His outstanding speech, based on an intimate personal knowledge of the Soviet Union, acquired as the Defense Attache to the USSR, and later as Deputy Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, was a clarion call for "America to wake up now - before it is too late."

The presence of our own Colonel Martha "Maggie" Raye and Ms. Rolande "Frenchy" Amundson, now a member of our association, added tremendously to SOAR V. Also, by coincidence, Colonel George C. Morton, the first commander of all Special Forces personnel in Vietnam, and Major General Michael D. "Iron Mike" Healy, the final commander of the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam, added to SOAR V by their presence. Hopefully, they can return in 1982.



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This year, if the international situation permits, it is my intention to again invite as our guest speaker Lieutenant General Robert C. Kingston, Commander, Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, stationed at MacDill AFB, Florida. General Kingston should be able to provide our association with an illuminating assessment of the world situation in general, and the Middle East area in particular.

I shall be in touch with all of you by newsletters during the year ahead, and I look forward to seeing you all at SOAR VI in Las Vegas in December 1982.

Respectfully yours,

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

President

Special Operations Association





SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION REUNION (SOAR) V

11-13 December 1981

AFTER ACTION REPORT

ABORT OPLAN 1-81... RT SILVERBIRD... LZ COMPROMISED... UNFRIENDLIES ON LZ... CALL IN TACAIR... IMPLEMENT ALTERNATE PLAN MARINA... SAME DATE TIME GROUP (DTG)... LRRP IN AREA CONFIRM LZ MARINA SECURE..... ADVISE... ADVISE...

This may sound routine for a bunch of old SOA types, but of course, this isn't the way it happened!!!! RT SILVERBIRD was compromised... but there wasn't any LZ MARINA!! What really happened was this -

SITUATION:

CHUCK DARNELL had meticulously laid on all arrangements for OPLAN 1-81, Code Name: RT SILVERBIRD with the Silverbird Hotel management. All team members had been dutifully notified, weapons had been thoroughly cleaned and test-fired, and all plans had been made for the insertion of SOA into the operational area by land, sea (?) and air on D-Day, 11 December 1981. On Thursday, 03 December (D-8), all hell broke loose!! The State of Nevada determined that some "hanky panky" was going on with the sale of the Silverbird Hotel and closed it indefinitely!!!! The situation was chaotic!!!

THE CHIEFS:

On D-8, CHUCK DARNELL was making a recon in Georgia or Alabama, looking for "Boss" Hogg and the Dukes of Hazzard, and he was maintaining radio silence. He was neither aware of the situation nor available to institute corrective action!!! CLYDE SINCERE was at the FT El Monte in California, giving close order drill to his recruits for the SANG Modernization Program, and was not immediately available. And finally, JIM and ROBYN MONAGHAN were cruising on their yacht in the Caribbean somewhere between Florida and Cuba, and could not be contacted. Fortunately, a LRRP was in the area, and got the word!!!!

ACTION BY THE LRRP:

Learning that the RT SILVERBIRD was compromised, and realizing that an SOA insertion into the operational area was imminent, LRRP Leader TERRY LEVERTON initiated immediate action!!! In the absence of any orders from higher headquarters, TERRY assembled the members of his LRRP, consisting of LIONEL PINN, JIM HAWKE, MIKE STERN, and a few other reliable troopers, and began an immediate recon for an ALTERNATE LZ (Reunion Safe House)! With the limited time available, this required a monumental effort on the part of the LRRP. Chanting "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible takes a little longer", they surveyed the "strip" and settled on the MARINA!!!!!! The operation for SOAR V was a GO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

COMMUNICATIONS AND LOGISTICS:

The BAMBOO Telegraph (old boy network) was used extensively to get the word out on the change of LZ. Most SOA Troopers arrived right on time at the ALTERNATE LZ... The MARINA Hotel! TERRY and his LRRP had everything organized extremely well, and the MARINA came through with facilities and arrangements that were as good, if not better, than had been originally planned. LRRP transportation rounded up all incoming pers-



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REPORT ON THE 11-11 JANUARY 1931 MEETING OF THE SEATTLE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION. THE MEETING WAS HELD AT THE SEATTLE OPERATORS ASSOCIATION BUILDING, 11-11 JANUARY 1931. THE MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: [List of members]

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. The fourth order of business was the election of SOA officers for the year 1982. The nominating committee presented its slate of recommendations, and the recommendations were adopted by a unanimous vote of the members in attendance. The newly elected officers are:

President	Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
Vice President	Keith Messinger
2d Vice President	E. "DUFF" Duffield
Secretary	James Butler
Treasurer	Charles Darnell
Master-at-Arms	Lionel "CHOO CHOO" Pinn
	Ed Clough
	Les "NAILS" Silvermail

Congratulations to all of the new officers and a super thanks to the outgoing officers who have all done an exceptional job in executing their duties while in office.

GUEST SPEAKER:

The highlight of the SOAR V Reunion was the exceptional presentation given by General WILSON. The theme of his presentation was "Wake Up America - Before It Is Too Late"!! The undivided attention given by the entire membership to General WILSON during his presentation, and the unprecedented number of pertinent questions which his speech elicited from the membership, was indicative of the high level of interest which his speech evoked in the SOA. General WILSON was given a standing ovation in respect for the true patriot that he is, and for sharing the values which we cherish - "Duty, Honor, Country". We were truly fortunate to have had General WILSON as our speaker, and we look forward to his continued participation in SOA activities.

. Following General WILSON'S speech, commemorative plaques were presented by JIM MONAGHAN to the honored guests - MAGGIE, FRENCHY and General WILSON. After the recipients expressed their appreciation for the plaques, MAGGIE led the membership in the singing of "The Ballads of the Green Beret", followed by "The Marseillaise" in honor of FRENCHY.

DIVIDING THE LOOT:

Following the awards of the commemorative plaques, CLYDE SINCERE supervised the drawing for the door prizes. There were many, many prizes that were distributed to the membership, however, the grand prize was a coveted new CAR-15!!!! Would you believe JIM BUTLER purchased \$1,200.00 worth of raffle tickets in an effort to insure that he would carry the CAR-15 on his next patrol... however, it was won by KEITH MESSINGER, who was now confronted with the problem of how to get it through airport security!!!! When KEITH was announced as the winner of the CAR-15, JIM BUTLER threw his fistful of tickets into the air, only to find out that there was still one (1) more prize to be awarded!!!! All members received a large reunion button, a lapel pin, and a Zippo lighter with the emblem of the SOA on the side. MAGGIE, FRENCHY and General WILSON all assisted CLYDE SINCERE in the drawing, and it was a gala occasion!!

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BOSTON PUBLISHING UPDATE:

Mr. Terrence Maitland of Boston Publishing Company who is handling the area of covert war in general and our activities in particular will be coming to California during the week of 2 May 1982. His trip itinerary is to fly into L.A. and meet with Bo Gritz and Maggie Raye and any other personnel who was active in the programs from 1965 to 1967. Boston Publishing is receiving good reviews on their historical handling of our war. If you have served in any capacity with SOG or any of its related activities from 1965 to 1967, please call me (Jim Butler) at (408) 625-4247 in order to facilitate a meeting with Mr. Maitland during this period.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

PLEASE BE PATIENT!!! The company that originally did the printing is now defunct and we have had to go to a major corporation who handles all of the printing on the Visa and MasterCard cards. As soon as I get them, you'll get them.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

11 January 1982

LTG Samuel V. Wilson, US Army (Retired)
Route #1, Box 377
Rice, VA 23966

Dear General Wilson:

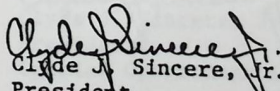
On behalf of all the members of the Special Operations Association who attended the SOAR V Reunion in Las Vegas 11-13 December 1981, I want to express my deep appreciation to you for accepting our invitation to be the guest speaker, and for giving us an outstanding speech which was truly the highlight of the SOAR V Reunion.

Your speech was both thought provoking and challenging, and was exceptionally timely in light of the situation in which our country finds itself today as a world power. Your clear perception of the problems confronting the United States today, the threat imposed to our democratic way of life by the Soviet Union through international communism, and your pragmatic solutions to the problems and the steps which we must take as a nation to regain and maintain our position of leadership in the free world, provided a most dynamic presentation for our members at the Reunion. The number of pertinent questions which your speech elicited and the undivided attention manifested by our members, is indicative of the high level of interest which our members found in your truly exceptional message.

As an honorary member of the Special Operations Association, and as a patriot whose values we truly esteem, we look forward to your continued participation in future SOAR activities.

Again, my heartfelt appreciation for an unforgettable message to our association at SOAR V.

Very truly yours,


Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
President,
Special Operations Association

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11 January 1982

Ms. Rolande "Frenchy" Amundson
620 Tucker Avenue
Paso Robles, CA 93446

Dear Frenchy:

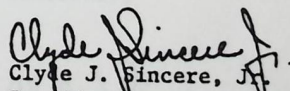
On behalf of all the members of the Special Operations Association who attended the SOAR V Reunion in Las Vegas 11-13 December 1981, I want to express my deep appreciation to you for accepting our invitation to attend the Reunion and for participating in all of our activities. I can assure you that your presence made a significant contribution to the overall success of SOAR V.

Special Forces soldiers are unique individuals who are highly motivated and who cherish the traditional values of duty, honor and country. As a member of the Free French Resistance Movement in World War II, you gallantly portrayed in your own life, those characteristics which we value so dearly, and as a result, you won the respect and admiration of all of our members who attended the SOAR V Reunion. We are proud to have you as a distinguished member of the Special Operations Association.

Since you have now become a regular member of the Special Operations Association, we look forward to your continued participation in SOA activities in 1982. We will stay in touch with you, and we hope that you will make a special effort to be with us again at SOAR VI.

Happy New Year, Frenchy, and thanks again for honoring us with your presence at SOAR V.

Sincerely,


Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
President,
Special Operations Association

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11 January 1961

Mr. William "Frank" Anderson
 500 North Avenue
 New Rochelle, N.Y. 10801

Dear Frank:

In behalf of all the members of the Special Operations Association, we extend the SOA Y Salute to you for the past year. I want to express our appreciation to you for accepting our invitation to attend the banquet and for participating in all of our activities. I am sure that your presence was a significant contribution to the SOA Y Salute.

Special Forces soldiers are unique individuals who are highly motivated and who cherish the traditional values of duty, honor, and country. As a member of the Special Forces Association, you are part of a group of men who are dedicated to their jobs, their country, and their fellow soldiers. We are proud to have you as a distinguished member of the Special Operations Association.

Thank you for being a regular member of the Special Operations Association. We look forward to your continued participation in SOA Y activities in 1961. We will stay in touch with you and hope that you will make a special effort to be with us again at SOA Y 1961. Enjoy the year, Frank, and thank you for being with us.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Anderson
 Philip J. Anderson
 President
 Special Operations Association

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11 January 1982

LTC Martha Raye
1153 Roscomare Road
West Los Angeles, CA 90024

Dear Colonel Maggie:

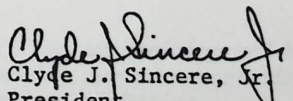
On behalf of all the members of the Special Operations Association who attended the SOAR V Reunion in Las Vegas 11-13 December 1981, I want to express my deep appreciation to you for taking time from your busy schedule to enhance our annual Reunion with your presence. No gathering of Special Forces is ever complete without "our own Colonel Maggie," and this is particularly true in the case of the Special Operations Associations.

We have never forgotten the love, care, and devotion which you gave to us during our most difficult days in Vietnam, and it was there that you earned a very special place in the heart of every soldier who wore the green beret, and where you became a legendary part of the history of Special Forces in Vietnam. It was truly a memorable occasion to have you "back where you belong" at the SOAR V Reunion.

You were truly a significant part of the success which we achieved in SOAR V, and as a regular member of the Special Operations Association, we look forward to your continued participation in Special Operations Association activities in 1982. We will stay in touch with you during the year, and hope that you will make a special effort to be with us again in Las Vegas at SOAR VI.

Happy New Year, Maggie, and God bless you.

Sincerely,


Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
President,
Special Operations Association

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March 1982

Letter to the Workers, SOAR V

Dear fellow members:

In any great production, there are many workers behind the scenes who are seldom recognized and who never are awarded the "Oscars". Nevertheless, without these dedicated and unheralded workers, there would be no great productions, and no "Oscars" for the stars. This is true in the case of the Special Operations Association Reunions (SOAR).

The luminaries at SOAR V have received their accolades, and at this time I want to take the opportunity, on behalf of the association, to express my appreciation to the following individuals who did much to make SOAR V a great success:

Vic Smith - who made the signs for the SOAR V Reunion and the case for the Cal 45 Pistol.

Joe Alford - who helped with the signs, provided transportation, and came in early every morning to have the hospitality room operational.

Mike Stern - who provided transportation, beautiful cocktail girls, and general assistance.

Jerry Nader - who helped transport the liquor, beer and wine for the hospitality room.

Jake Dobringer - who provided transportation and the ultra-light aircraft display.

Norman (Butch) Clark - who provided more transportation and more beautiful cocktail girls.

I also want to express my appreciation to the following individuals who are not members of the Special Operations Association, but who rendered valuable assistance to the SOAR V Reunion:

Mr. James J. Balk, Las Vegas Airport: For authorizing and helping us to put up signs at the airport, and for clearing our transportation with the airport police so that no problems occurred on ticketing.

Mr. Dick Huff, General Manager, Tropicana Country Club: For closing the golf driving range during the period of our parachute jumps.



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Larry Trapp's Taxi Service
(Notice the driver being molested!)

Warming UP!!



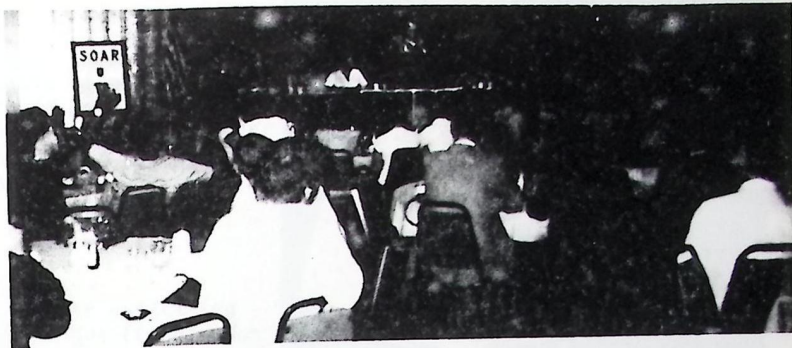
"Frenchy", "Maggie" and General Wilson

"World Headquarters Level Staff Meeting"
(Duff, Sully, Iron Mike, Choo-Choo, Arnie)





THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE SOA!!



"Chuck, I have the answer!!"



The business meeting being called to order.
The driver is about to be REALLY molested this time!!



The WELCOMING COMMITTEE
(Col. Maggie, Clyde and George)



"The new officers accept
responsibility of WHAT??"



Larry Kimmel won a knife but the level-headed membership made him DX it for a "ditty bag."
(Larry & Clyde)

More outfitting
for El Salvador
(Keith)



"I'm seeing it, but I ain't believing it. A gold plated 'snake killer'?!?!?"
(Chuck & Col. Maggie)



Ed & Clyde



"NOW HEAR THIS!"

From one Mike
Force Co to
another -





"Would you believe
\$1,200 for a
DITTY BAG?!?!?"
(Jim & Clyde)



"FIRST ANNIVERSARY!"
(Karen & Ed)



"Anyone for a tote bag?"



The END is near !



THE END IS HERE !!!!

(Compliments of "MANES" TATOO
PARIMUTUALS!!!!)

