

**SPECIAL
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ASSOCIATION
REUNION
VI**



**AFTER
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REPORT
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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Period Covered: July 1, 1981 - June 30, 1982

INCOME STATEMENT

<u>Revenue</u>	
Dues - - - - -	\$ 5,125.00
Contributions - - - - -	225.00
SOAR Income - - - - -	10,601.50
Merchandise Sales - - - - -	2,056.00
Total Income	<u>\$18,007.50</u>
<u>Expenses</u>	
Office Supplies - - - - -	\$ 138.40
Contributions - - - - -	1,020.50
SOAR Expense - - - - -	14,423.95
Postal Expense - - - - -	1,160.92
Telephone Expense - - - - -	496.16
Printing/Copying Expense - - - - -	1,468.05
Legal Expense - - - - -	1,207.50
P.O. Box Rental Expense - - - - -	39.00
Purchases - - - - -	1,634.06
Miscellaneous Expense - - - - -	584.20
Total Expenses	<u>\$22,172.74</u>
Net Loss - - - - -	\$ 3,727.62

STATEMENT OF SOA EQUITY

SOA, Capital, July 1, 1981 - - - - -	\$ 5,105.44
Less: Net Loss for Year - - - - -	<u>\$ 3,727.62</u>
Decrease in Capital - - - - -	<u>3,727.62</u>
SOA, Capital, June 30, 1982 - - - - -	<u>\$ 1,377.82</u>

BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30, 1982

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash - - - - -	\$ 1,034.00
Office Supplies & Equipment - - - - -	793.25
Merchandise Inventory - - - - -	526.92
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,354.17</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable - - - - -	\$ 976.35
<u>SOA Equity</u>	
SOA, Capital - - - - -	<u>\$ 1,377.82</u>
Total Liabilities & SOA Equity - - - - -	<u>\$ 2,354.17</u>

To the best of my knowledge, this statement represents the true financial status of this Association as of June 30, 1982.

Charles B. Darnell, Jr.
Charles B. Darnell, Jr.
Treasurer



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For each passing year, since the Special Operations Association was founded in Las Vegas in 1975, we have witnessed a continued growth in our association, and a dynamic evolution from what was predominately a social organization into what is now recognized as a National Forum which speaks for our Vietnam Veterans, particularly our missing comrades who are still unaccounted for from the wars in Korea and Vietnam. This presents ever increasing challenges with which I, as your incumbent president, and those who follow, will be confronted. I shall do my best to meet these challenges during the year ahead.

SOAR VI was a continuation of our efforts to bring SOA members together annually to renew friendships, share in the camaraderie of those who have had common experiences in Special Operations, and to provide the membership with guest speakers who are knowledgeable in the field of Special Operations, National Defense and Foreign Policy. Colonel John (Skip) Sadler, US Army (Ret), a former SOG Commander and Colonel Lewis Millett, a holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor, were added to the list of our distinguished guest speakers when they presented outstanding speeches at SOAR VI.

Two (2) significant accomplishments have resulted from SOAR VI thus far in 1983:

- A Special Operations Association Memorial Scholarship has been established to perpetuate the memory of those personnel who served in a Special Operations Unit during the Vietnam War, and who were POW/MIA and are still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. A Board of Officers was selected in January 1983, including Ralf M. Miller, Chairman, James P. Hawke, Travis W. Mills, Lemuel D. McClothern, Terry O. Levertson, and Fred T. Abt (alternate). Notices of the scholarship were placed in the Special Forces Association Magazine, The Drop and in SFA Chapter Newsletters as well as the National Vietnam Veteran's Review, and an announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May 1983.
- Closer relationships have been established between SOA and The Center for POW/MIA Accountability and The National League of Families of American POW/MIA in Southeast Asia. MG John K. Singlaub, US Army (Ret), a distinguished SOA member, is serving as Chairman of The Center for POW/MIA Accountability and other SOA members are serving as officers, board members and on the advisory council.

For the past two (2) years, operational requirements in the Middle East have prevented LTG Robert C. Kingston, Commander, US Army Central Command, from accepting our invitation to be the guest speaker at SOAR V and VI. He has again indicated his willingness to address our association in 1983.

Respectfully yours,



Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
President

Special Operations Association



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OPLAN 1-82 - TARGET "Hotel 6"

SITUATION:

After the SOAR V last minute cancellation of the Silverbird and the frantic relocation of SOAR V to the Marina Hotel in December 1981, SOAR VI was meticulously planned and continual follow-up was maintained to eliminate a repeat of SOAR V. As a tribute to those planners and "base touchers," SOAR VI kicked off at MAXIM'S right on schedule and without a hitch.

INFILTRATION (D-DAY, 10 December 1982):

The SOG'ers, SEALs, Spys, and selected surreptitious subversives began to arrive in the Las Vegas area for the annual pilgrimage to the holy shrine via the traditional infiltration methods, i.e., air, land, and sea, on 10 December 1982. All the members and their guests readily located the target area and immediately began re-honing the SOA's most revered and celebrated talents: elbow bending and telling lies in the hospitality suite. As is the tradition of the SOAR, the first afternoon and evening was spent getting registered, renewing old friendships and holding up the bar. As per custom, the hospitality suite remained open on a twenty-four (24) hour schedule except for a thirty (30) minute period in the "wee hours" of the morning to "police up the brass and let the smoke clear" from all the war stories.

HONORED GUESTS:

We were again honored this year to have some truly great Americans accept our invitations: Lieutenant Colonel Rolande "Frenchy" Amundson, COL (Ret) Lewis Millett, COL (Ret) John "Skip" Sadler, (Chief SOG), COL (Ret) Gil Layton (Founder of the CIDG Program), Chuck Allen (National Vietnam Veteran's Review), Terry Maitland (The Vietnam Experience) and Joe Jablowski (Special Agent/FBI - Nevada).

LTG Robert Kingston was scheduled to attend this year but had to decline at the last minute due to operational commitments of the Rapid Deployment Force. Our own "Colonel Maggie" Martha Raye was saddled up and ready to go when she collapsed from total exhaustion. She did call and sent her best to everyone and vowed to attend SOAR VII. We are very proud to have each of these great Americans associated with us in our continuing efforts to promote the spirit of freedom and liberty.



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

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THE OPERATION (D + 1, 11 December 1982):

Saturday morning commenced with another honored tradition: sickcall with an abundant supply of Bloody Mary's and other "get well" concoctions. As soon as all bodies were accounted for and determined to be among the living (approx. 1100 hrs), the majority adjourned to the DZ. The jump turned out excellent, with the only incidents being some near misses by "rubber necking" drivers who were passing at the time.

After the jump, everyone returned to the meeting room where an excellent brunch was served to the membership. After the brunch, the Sergeant-At-Arms (Choo Choo Pinn) quieted the membership and the meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

The first order of business was a moment of silent prayer for the POW/MIA's and the salute to the National Colors. After the salute, the officers were introduced to the membership:

Secretary	Jim Butler
Treasurer	Chuck Darnell
1st Vice President	Keith Messinger
2nd Vice President	E. (Duffy) Duffield (Not Present)
President	Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

The officers were given a resounding round of applause for a year's faithful service and a job well done in the organization of SOAR VI.

The second order of business was the financial report. The report was presented by Chuck Darnell who basically stated "Well, we're broke again, however, we're in good shape with the IRS." The financial audit report was given by Jack "Iceman" Isler and the report was then verified. Jack did state that with the current rate of inflation, etc., the customary fee (bribe) for the audit committee would have to be increased in the future. After the audit report, Jack read the following telegram addressed to Mr. Chuck Pfeiffer, Maxim Hotel, Las Vegas, NV:

"PLEASE RELAY TO ALL THE SOG TROOPERS MY
APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR THE JOB
THEY DID IN VIETNAM, NONE DID MORE OR
BETTER."

SIGNED - WESTMORELAND

The next items on the agenda were the following announcements:

1. Benny Ricciardi read and presented two (2) citations honoring the SOA in Vietnam from the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts.
2. Clyde Sincere announced that the day before (10 December) he and Jim Butler were presented a proclamation from the City Commission and the Mayor of Las Vegas proclaiming 11 December 1982 as SOA Day. Additionally a key to the city was presented to the SOA from the Mayor's office.

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3. Regrets were announced from General William Rosson, LTG Robert Kingston, Maggie, Arnie Bales, and Colonel Bob Rheault. All had to decline due to unforeseen events just prior to the reunion. Maggie called and requested a "Hymn" in her honor and of course she was provided an appropriate resounding "Hymn" by the entire membership.
4. Clyde introduced Rolande "Frenchy" Amundson and announced that she had received an invitation to the Governor's Inaugural Ball from Duke Dukemajian, newly elected Governor of California, which she could not attend. She promised to donate \$1,000.00 (in US green) in the name of SOA if any member would use the ticket to attend in her place.
5. All other special and honored guests were introduced by the President.
6. Clyde acknowledged and thanked Jim Craig's sky diving group for the demonstration jump.
7. Jim Butler announced to all CCN Recon members that the Dale Dehnke Award at Santa Monica High School was in need of contributions, and to remember our comrade with a donation in order to keep this award and his memory active.
8. Jim Monaghan spoke on the Center for POW/MIA Accountability Program. He requested contributions in support of the program to achieve accountability of the POW/MIA's in Southeast Asia. (A copy of a press release for The Center for POW/MIA Accountability is attached as inclosure 1.)

GUEST SPEAKERS:

COL John (Skip) Sadler, US Army (Ret) Chief SOG from June 1970 to May 1972 was the keynote speaker for SOAR VI. The theme of his presentation was the origins, development, and evolution of Special Operations in the U.S. Military. Through a personal reverie, he guided the membership through the beginnings of Special Operations in 1942 in Luzon with General Russ Volckman, Parker, O'Day, Henry and numerous others. He continued through the years recalling the names of people and places that are the patriarch's and milestones in the evolution of Special Operations; Korea FEC/LD, MG Jack Singlaub, LTG Bob Kingston; Laos, White Star, COL Bull Simons, COL John Little, COL Elliott Sydnor; Vietnam, CCN, CCC, CCS, Heavy Hook, Alpha, Omega, Delta, Prairie Fire, Covey, and Son Tay. The names stirred many memories among the audience, each one different, yet somehow the same. Each of those places with strange names, and many more, too numerous to list, reflected where the cutting edge of the "Sword of Freedom" was forged in the fires of combat and tempered by the blood and sweat of courageous men. These men, and these units, normally were known only to their enemies, their comrades, their commanders, and their families. They rarely, if ever, received the recognition and accolades due their sacrifice, patriotism, dedication, and professionalism.

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In answer to the question in the letter to The Static Line: "Yes, there are some who remember and care." He reminded the membership that each of us had chosen a difficult profession - that of a professional soldier, to protect and preserve freedom of those unwilling to do so for themselves. He concluded with a moving quote from John Stuart Mill: "War is an ugly thing - but not the ugliest of things: The decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks nothing is worth war, is worse."

COL Sadler was given a standing ovation for the moving reverie and his years of service within Special Operations. We were truly fortunate to have COL Sadler as our speaker, and we look forward to his continued participation in SOA activities. A copy of COL Sadler's biographical sketch is attached as inclosure 2.

At the conclusion of COL Sadler's moving speech, another special guest was invited to address the membership; COL (Ret) Lewis Millett. COL Millett spoke to the group about Project Freedom and our fallen comrades. With the membership still in a highly emotional state from COL Sadler's speech, COL Millett brought the entire membership to it's feet in thunderous ovation with the closing remark: "I would add only these words - He who refuses to fight for freedom, will die a coward, or live as a slave."

It was a highly emotional point in the SOAR VI reunion and tremendously refreshing to realize again that Patriotism, Dedication, Loyalty, and Love of Liberty is alive and well. For all of those who requested a copy of COL Lewis Millett's speech, a typed copy of his complete speech is attached to this AAR as inclosure 3.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee submitted its slate of recommendations, and Mr. Adam Hussar, Chairman of the Tally Committee announced the results of the balloting. The Nominating Committee's recommendations were adopted and the newly elected officers are:

President	Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.
1st Vice President	Chuck Darnell
2nd Vice President	Scott Lyon
Secretary	Jim Butler
Treasurer	Keith Messinger
Chaplain	Larry Kimmell
Sergeant-at-Arms - I	Lester Silvernail
Sergeant-at-Arms - II	John Fryer

Congratulations to all the new officers and a very sincere "thanks" to the outgoing officers for a super job.

Also as part of the balloting, two (2) resolutions were passed by the membership.

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1. The SOA voted to establish a scholarship program to perpetuate the memory of MIA's and POW's who are still unaccounted for in Southeast Asia. For those who did not attend SOAR VI, a copy of the scholarship program is attached to this AAR as inclosure 4.
2. The SOA will establish a library/museum for collection and display of the historical aspects of the SOA and its operations. (George Morton will donate the first flag of Special Forces in Vietnam (USASF) (P) if MG (Ret) Mike Healey will bring it to SOAR VII).

At the conclusion of the balloting, Clyde Sincere requested Chuck Darnell to approach the podium. Chuck was presented a Citation of Appreciation for his truly outstanding service as Treasurer for the period 1977 - 1982. It was a tribute richly deserved by Chuck for his perseverance and dedication - Again, thanks a million, Chuck. A copy of Chuck's citation is attached as inclosure 5 to the AAR.

Even though many comments, suggestions, etc., were made, this report does not allow sufficient space to include each of them, therefore, a few of the major points will be listed:

1. All of those who assisted in the organization and operation of SOAR VI were extended a sincere "Thank you" for their efforts.
2. Sully (Clouseau) Fountaine spoke to the membership on the negative news media comments about Special Forces and Special Operation personnel. He made a motion that the SOA should establish a PR committee (or person) to prepare press releases, etc. to refute these negative and BS stories. The motion was passed unanimously. A copy of the press release for SOAR VI is attached as inclosure 6.
3. Adam Husar made a motion to request an Honor Roll and/or program be instituted to assist needy families of SOA members who have passed away. Chuck Darnell stated that a program was "In the Mill" and that a motion was not really the correct approach to the matter. Adam agreed and withdrew the motion and Chuck promised to keep the membership advised of the progress of the program.
4. A motion was made from the floor that each year during our reunion, an appropriate salute should be conducted in remembrance and tribute to the "Littel People" (the Montagnard, Khmer, Nung, etc.) who readily gave us their loyalty and dedication, and then were left behind when the US pulled out. The motion carried unanimously with an enthusiastic response from the membership.
5. Lionel Pinn made a motion that the next SOAR should be held in Bangkok! After a thunderous round of cheers and applause, Chuck Darnell stated "We're working on that!"
6. With this last comment, it was determined that there was no further business and the formal portion of the meeting was concluded.

DIVIDING THE LOOT:

At the conclusion of the business meeting, it was time to get down to serious business - drawing for the door prizes. To kick things off it was announced that the winner of the Miss SOAR VI competition was a total landslide for "PUDDIN." Congratulations Puddin, it seems that some politicians could learn a lot from you in how to run a campaign!

The forty-seven (47) door prizes that were won by the members and their guests were donated by various individuals and businesses who support the SOA. A list of donors and door prizes is attached as inclosure to this AAR.

Of course the most sought after prize was the engraved SOA Sniper Rifle with scope. Through a lengthy and intricate process known as the Reverse Raffle - Lionel (Choo Choo) Pinn was the big winner. In the excitement of the moment, Choo Choo injured himself while moving rapidly into a prone firing position, but we are glad to report that he didn't suffer any major or lasting injuries just a temporary scare for all of those who witnessed his accident (How about sitting down next year - OK Lionel?).

At the conclusion of the reverse raffle, a new twist was added to the drawings and possibly the institution of a new tradition of the SOA. The ladies of the SOA demanded equal time to conduct a raffle - The prize being "an evening with Jim Hawke." (We didn't realize that the ladies were that desperate, but times are tough all over!) The "lucky" winner was too embarrassed to let her identity become public knowledge and claimed her prize in the traditional clandestine manner. (This must be the ERA's revenge for all those years of Pig Pots).

The bar was reopened and the war stories started in earnest again and lasted well into the night.

EXFILTRATION (D + 2, 12 December 1982):

During the morning SOAR VI began to wind down. The majority of the members dropped into the hospitality suite for one last drink with old friends, promising to stay in touch this time, vowing to attend VII, and telling one last war story. By noon, the vast majority had departed for their assigned A/Os and only the smoldering brass remained as evidence that "A good time was had by all!"

CONCLUSIONS:

SOAR VI was a resounding success!!! A special thanks to all the members and guests who made the long pilgrimage to Las Vegas and contributed to the success of the reunion. Even though we all had a great time, hopefully in our reveling, we have not forgotten to remember our fallen comrades who were not there..... "As long as someone remembers them, they are not dead."

SEE YOU ALL AT SOAR VII



The Center for **POW/MIA** Accountability
PO Box 5138, Arlington, VA, 22205, USA

PRESS RELEASE

RELEASE DATE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT CHUCK ALLEN
(919) 484-2343

POW/MIA FACT FINDING GROUP BECOMES ACTIVE

WASHINGTON DC, 9 March 1983: The "Center for POW/MIA Accountability" (CPMA), a private, non-profit organization became operational today as announced by John K. Singlaub, Chairman, and retired Army general.

Commenting on the Center's activation, General Singlaub, active in POW/MIA matters since his retirement, said, "It is a shocking and tragic fact that today nearly 2,500 American service men remain unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. Since the war's end in 1975, the grim roster of POWs and MIAs has remained essentially the same despite our government's efforts to persuade Hanoi to honor their promise to provide a full accounting of missing Americans as agreed to in the 1973 Paris Peace Agreement.

"A great deal of evidence exists that the governments of Indochina hold information which could resolve the status of unaccounted for Americans. This fact is supported by the more than 1,700 reports made by Indochinese refugees of which nearly 500 were 'live sightings' which our government has acquired since the fall of Saigon in 1975. More than 200 of the sighting reports of Americans held against their will remain unverified and are under continuing investigation in an attempt to verify the information.

"The Center's purpose is to assist our Government in resolving the POW/MIA issue through a privately funded analytical evaluation of all POW/MIA information," Singlaub concluded.

In pursuit of its goals, the Center is staffed with former military personnel considered experts in operations, research, analysis, and management.

The Center, located in Washington, DC, does not engage in or endorse any activity in conflict with the policies of the United States Government. The Center strongly believes that direct government-to-government efforts offer the most favorable avenues for successful resolution of the POW/MIA matter.

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

by

Colonel Lew Millett, US Army, Ret.

It is an honor and a privilege to be allowed to speak to you today. It is also an honor for me to be a member of this association for in reality I'm not eligible for membership having never served in SOG, the Seals for the Air Commando's - however, I have had the opportunity and privilege of serving with many illustrious units during various wars. The Coldstream Guards, the Irish and Scots Guards, the 1st Special Service Force in Italy, the 442nd Nisei - a unit which received more decorations for valor in WW II than any other military unit while their parents and relatives were in concentration camps in the USA.

The price of freedom comes high for I have buried my comrades in arms from Kasserine, Medej al hab, Sheitda, Gufsa, to Salerno, Cassino, San Pietro, Venafrro and Monterumer, and Taegu, Sinanju, Osan, Yong-Dong-Po and Suwon, from Dak-To to Khontum, and Lam Dong and Dalat.

When our Creator reached out to touch the fashioned clay that would be mankind he gave a man the breath of life and the desire to be free. Since the dawn of creation, tyrants have tried to crush and smother that desire for freedom. In the Coliseums of Rome, on the steppes of Russia, in the concentration camps of Europe, in the rice paddies of China, on the jungle floor of Vietnam and Cambodia, in the mountains of Laos and Afghanistan lie the bodies and bones, the dust of countless millions who are martyrs to freedom. We are free, to meet here today, to meet in the secrecy of our own comradeship and association to keep out the news media without fear of a secret police knocking on our door because free men stood up and fought and died for the freedom we enjoy - fought for a free America. A freedom you and I enjoy.

We fought and served that same freedom but if we are truly the Centurions of liberty, if we really believe that all Americans should enjoy the freedoms we enjoy, then we have one final responsibility, one final duty. Our comrades in Vietnam who fought and died and sacrificed deserve to be buried in the land they defended. Our comrades in Vietnam who reside in the stinking pest-holes of concentration camps, tortured and starved by an implacable and cruel enemy deserve to be free to live in this land of freedom. It is the least we can do, it is our final duty and responsibility.

I would add only these words - "He who refuses to fight for freedom, will die a coward, or live as a slave."

BIOGRAPHY

COLONEL JOHN FORD SADLER

U.S. ARMY

Colonel Sadler entered the United States Army as an enlisted man in January 1943 and was assigned to the 511th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division. He participated in the New Guinea, Southern Philippines, Leyte and Luzon Campaigns before being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in January 1945 in the Southeast Pacific Area.

Colonel Sadler returned to Fort Benning, Georgia in April 1947 where he served as an Instructor in the Airborne Department. He remained at Fort Benning until July 1951 when he was assigned to Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C. where he served until March 1952 as Operations and Training Officer, G-3 and Assistant G-1.

During the Korean conflict, Colonel Sadler served in a classified assignment. Upon completion of his tour of duty in Korea in 1953, Colonel Sadler was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. where he served as Plans Officer, G-3 Section, Headquarters, XVIII Airborne Corps. Colonel Sadler was selected to attend the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas from which he was graduated in December 1953. He was also selected to serve as Aide-de-Camp to General L. L. Lemnitzer, then Acting Commanding General, XVIII Airborne Corps.

In June 1955, Colonel Sadler was assigned to JUSMAAG, Turkey where he served in another classified assignment. He returned to the United States in June 1957 and assumed duties as a Tactical/Technical Board Member in the Airborne - Air Mobile Department of the United States Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia.

In March 1961, Colonel Sadler was assigned to PACOM, Hawaii, duty and duty station classified, and in June 1961 was assigned to MAAG, Laos as Chief Regional Advisor for Counterinsurgency.

Returning to Fort Bragg in April 1962, Colonel Sadler was selected to command the first brigade formed in the 82nd Airborne Division during the 1963 reorganization of the Division.

In June 1963, Colonel Sadler was assigned to OPO/OPD, DA where he served as Acting Chief, Infantry Branch and Special Assistant to the Chief, Infantry Branch. In June 1966, he was selected to attend the United States Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania from which he was graduated in June 1967.

Upon graduation from the United States Army War College, Colonel Sadler was assigned to ODCSPER HQ USAREUR where he served as Chief, Plans and Programs Division.

In June 1968, he joined the 8th Infantry Division and served as Brigade Commander of the 1st Brigade and was then selected to serve as Chief of Staff, 8th Infantry Division from June 1969 to June 1970.

Colonel Sadler served as Chief, Studies and Observations Group, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, a highly classified and sensitive assignment from June 1970 to May 1972.

Colonel Sadler completed his 32 1/2 years of service by serving as Deputy Commander, US Army Southern Command Ft. Amador, CZ, from June 1972 to 1975.

LIST OF DECORATIONS

Legion of Merit w/3OLC
Distinguished Flying Cross
Bronze Star Medal
Air Medal
Joint Services Commendation Medal
Army Commendation Medal w/1OLC
Purple Heart
Good Conduct Medal
American Campaign Medal
Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal
World War II Victory Medal
Army of Occupation Medal
National Defense Service Medal w/1OLC
Korean Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Armed Forces Reserve Medal

Vietnam Service Medal
Philippine Military Merit Medal (2 Awards)
Philippine Liberation Ribbon
Philippine Independence Ribbon
United Nations Service Medal
Combat Infantryman Badge w/Star
Master Parachutist Badge
Glider Badge
Distinguished Unit Citation
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
21 Overseas Bars
National Order of Vietnam (5th Class)
Gallantry Cross (with Palm)
Gallantry Cross (with Silver Star)
Navy Service Medal, Honor Class
Air Service Medal, Honor Class



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

HONOR ROLL OF ATTENDEES

As usual, many of you spooks were able to get in without signing into the guest register book. Oh, the habits we have developed!

HONORED GUESTS

Colonel John "Skip" Sadler, U. S. Army Retired

Rolande "Frenchy" Amundson

accompanied by Sally Brock

(Colonel Martha "Maggie" Raye planned to attend
but was ordered to bedrest by her doctor)

SPECIAL GUESTS

Barbra Paccereilli
Mary Sincere
Toshie Meehan
Suzie Gill
George Adrian
Marlene Ponder
Al Mar
Susan Trimble
Ron Lebregue (NEWSWEEK)
Lew Millett
Jan Dumont
Ken Morris
Shirley Stoner
Mary Jo Leard
John Irons

Jeri Silla
Michael Reeves
Charlie Johnson
Joyce Happersett
Judy Pinn
Tom Shell (ABC)
Terry Maitland (TIME/LIFE)
Sally Block
Kay Mead
Burt Waldren
Doris Broussard
Jill Evans
Jocelyn Carroll
Young Myrick

Shelley Steffens
Phahn Duffield
Ross Nyikes
Ray Marcum
Tom Ryan
Jim Shults (GUNG HO)
CBS
Jim Brunni
Lucy Duggan
Trish Bellous
Randi Henning
Marion Arvidson
Kathleen Robbins
Ellen Regan

In addition to the guests listed by name above, 26 guests (friends, wives, etc.) failed to sign the guest register and their names are not available for printing.

SOAR VI ATTENDEES--MEMBERS

Clyde Sincere
Jim Beard
Dick Sommers
Jim Butler
Lemuel "Mac" McGlothren
Sully Fontaine
Wayne Miller
Justin "Gene" McCarthy
Bernard "Mick" Meehan
Bob Marple

Jesse Siglow
John Barrett
Marvin Compton
Chuck Darnell
Jim Hawke
Dean Byrne
Art Fields
Bert Frye
Mike Harding
Don Cobb

Andy Alexander
Robert Johnson
Paul Brunton
George Hunt
Benn Squires
Les Daniel
Al Slugocki
Ralf Miller
Harry "Bud" Gill
Vincent "Vinny" Arnone



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



MEMBERS - cont'd.

Robert "Spider" Park
Newlin Happersett
Jeffrey Junkins
Rolande "Frenchy" Amundson
Jack "Iceman" Isler
Jake Dobereiner
John Martin
Cliff Newman
Norman "Butch" Clark
Don Devere
Dennis Smith
John Mead
Jim Craig
William Curry
Lionel "Chii Choo" Pinn
Pete Laurence
Harry Holt
Jan Paul Reifenberg
Martin Wilson
Don Myrick
Fred Abt
Arnold Natalie
Charlie Barksdale
Richard Sommers
Joe Mead
Terry Levertton
Ken Van Arsdel
Dave Standfier
Dennis Davis

George Houston
Frank Vecchiarello
Larry Trimble
Jack "Dog" Long
Chuck Pfeifer
Mike Duggan
George Paccereilli
Bryan Stockdale
Shaun Darragh
Jim Kennedy
John Fryer
Wiley Gray
Jim Davis
Ed Wainwright
Carl Winkler
Tony Coelho
Gilbert Layton
John Arvidson
Terry Care
Ed Spinaio
Charles Steffler
Leon Rauch
Travis Mills
Bill Bray
James Hetrick
Dan Janc
Vince DeBellis
Bob Masterjoseph
Jim Muir

Scott Lyon
Tommie Ponder
Roy Riddle
Chuck Allen
Keith Messinger
Richard McKenney
Jim Monaghan
Ron DeCarlo
John Garrison
Bucky Smith
"Ranger" Don Beebe
Les Silvernail
Ray Whittington
Rod Patterson
Adam Husar
Harry Jones
Al Friend
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Gary Stelow
Bob Burton
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George Morton
Herb Siuzada
David Maxwell
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Larry Kimmel

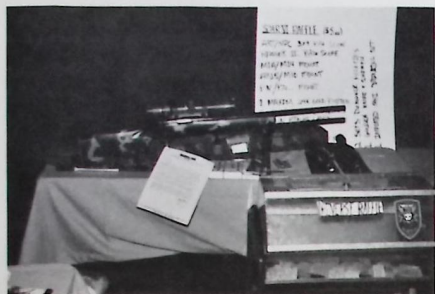
A few other members arrived late and failed to sign the register.



THE STRIP GETS READY



THE RECEPTION AREA GETS SET UP



THE SOA SNIPER WEAPON



MR. CHARLES' LOST & FOUND



AL MAR & THE SOA KNIVES



ACUPUNCTURE--ONE-ZERO STYLE



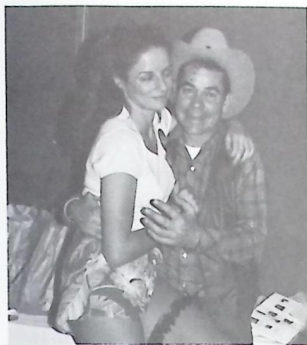
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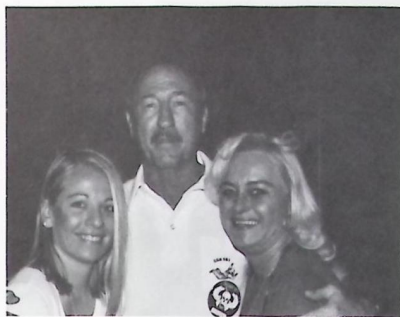
JOHN FRYER, VINNIE ARNONE, & GEORGE HOUSTON



JUMPERS' RETURN (DZ IN BACKGROUND)



LES DANIELS & A
NEW CREATURE COMFORT
FOR THE RANGE



SPIDER PARKES BEING TWICE THE NORMAL ONE-
ZERO



"PUDDIN" &
MIKE REEVES, LTC-
USMC, WHO STUCK
THE SOA WITH OVER
\$250 OF ROOM
SERVICE--



THE ADVANCE PARTY

(IF YOU SEE HIM, REMIND HIM TO GET IN
TOUCH!)



CHECKING IN



CHOO CHOO'S PARTY SHIRT



(NOTE THE TWO-
FISTED STYLE)

WILEY GRAY & ANOTHER PILLAR WHO HELD UP THE BAR



JIM CRAIG & RANDI



MARY SINCERE & "FRENCHY"



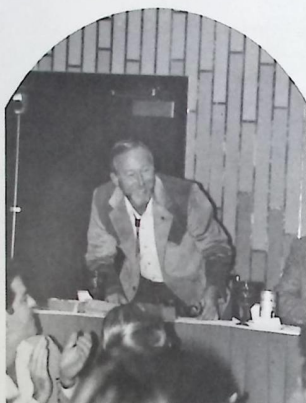
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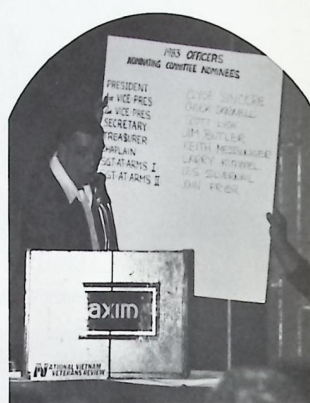
BUTLER ASKING BURTON IF HE ATE HIS SOUP WITH HIS HANDS



KEITH MESSINGER



CHUCK DARNELL



ADAM HUSAR ANNOUNCING NEW OFFICERS



CHIEF SPEAKER, COLONEL JOHN F. SADLER



COL. SADLER & "FRENCHY"



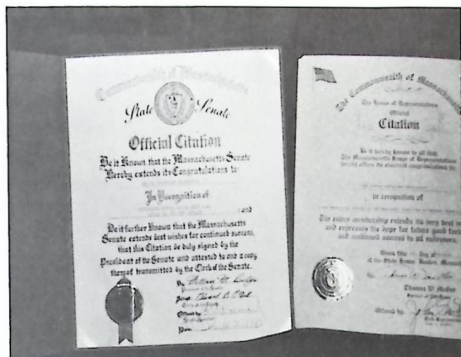
THE CHAPLAIN, LARRY KIMMEL



CLYDE READING MASSACHUSETTS DECLARATION



CLYDE DISPLAYING THE KEY TO THE CITY



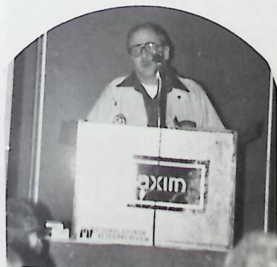
THE MASSACHUSETTS' CITATIONS
OF
RECOGNITION



AND THE PROCLAMATION
OF SOA DAY



HE WHO REFUSES TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM
WILL LIVE AS A COWARD & DIE A SLAVE--LEW MILLETT



VINNIE ARNONE



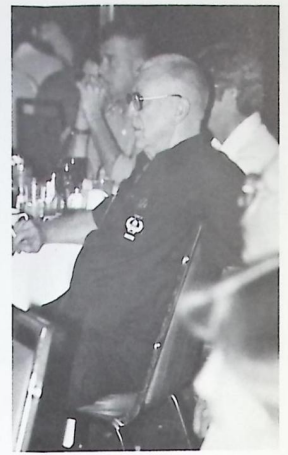
MIKE HARDING & MISS SOA 1983



CHOO CHOO CLAIMS HIS PRIZE



JACK "ICEMAN" ISLER



COLONEL LEW MILLETT



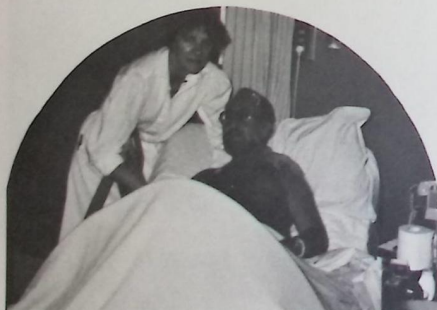
PAIRING OFF FOR SATURDAY NIGHT



JIM MONAHAN, ABC, & JOHN ARVIDSON IN BACKGROUND



BUTLER ROASTING THE OUT-GOING DARNELL



BEN SQUIRES BEING ADMINISTERED SUNDAY MORNING SICK CALL



JIM HAWKE



BOB LURIE PRESENTS KEYS TO LAS VEGAS



AL FRIEND, GEORGE MORTON, FRANK VECCHIARELLO, ART FIELDS



THE DALE DEHNKE
MEMORIAL PERPETU-
ATED

JIM MONAGAN
"OUR COMMITMENT TO
FREEDOM WILL FOREVER
SHINE"



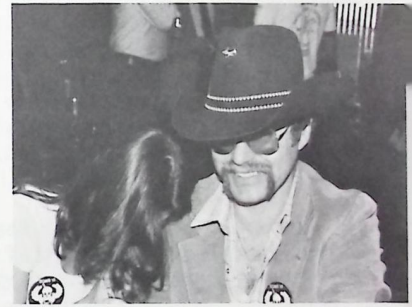
THE DUMMY WITH



BERNARD "MICKY" MEEHAN



3 GUYS WHO FLUNKED INSPECTION



THE
CHAPLAIN HEARING MISS SOA'S
CONFESSION



DAI ULY--COL. HAP'S DOG



A VERY SATISFIED ATTENDEE



MISS SOA REFLECTING ON HER
VICTORY ELECTION



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

REUNION (SOAR) VI

10-12 December 1982

OPLAN 82-1

The Secretary's
After Action Report

Well, we did it again!! How many times can we keep on surpassing perfection is anyone's guess. And as things are beginning to line up for next year, it seems we will do just that again.

Thursday 9 December 1982

The advance party hit Las Vegas with tons of work to do, and lots of pre-formation coordination to achieve. This year we were ably assisted by about thirty-five members who wanted to help. Therefore, the bar in Maxims was flowing fast and furiously by noon on Thursday, which helped us all get set up more quickly. For those of you who have always wondered what the advance party does, it usually gets good and drunk so that temptation will not get in our way again during the next couple of days. At 0600 on Friday 10 December, everything was ready for the onslaught.

Friday 10 December 1982

Friday started out with a bang as all mornings should! Wake-up calls were placed to all the rooms that attendees inhabited for the first sick call of the weekend. Personnel were assigned duties that entailed airport pick-up, stocking the bar, registration, etc. Then Jim Butler and Clyde Sincere were driven downtown to pick up the keys to the City, and a Proclamation announcing 11 December 1982 as Special Operations Day in Las Vegas. They then reported to a talk show radio station where they artfully mumbled through a series of questions. Afterward they retreated to the premises of the Maxim Hotel by noon for the grand reception of honored guests and members.

By noon Al Mar and Jim Beard had their rooms filled with their special paraphernalia (Al made a series of terrific knives with the SOA Crest emblazoned in gold on the blade) and the party was on.

Scott Lyons located a female manikin and had it delivered to the hospitality suite--unfortunately under the eyes of the major network news services. The manikin quickly became Jane and the rumors were rampant as to how we were going to dispose of her, much to the Media's delight. But some sly devil, reasoning discretion is the better part of stupidity, decided to smuggle Jane to his room. He never brought her back, much to the chagrin of a number of well-lit attendees. In an effort to find the perpetrator of this fiendish kidnapping, a short-arm inspection was held the following morning, but it was discontinued when eight of the first ten checked proved to have numerous wounds or lesions that could be attributed to splinters.

By 1800 (6 PM in civilian talk) most of the guests had arrived and the hospitality room was swinging as usual. Special plans and program committee meetings were held during this period to include operations, plans and programs, nominating,



auditing, and other internal affairs.

By 2200 (10 PM civilian) with the advent of the Security Office calling to tell us that they had found our soon-to-be-elected Chaplain passed out in a flower pot on the seventh floor and four or five other lousy nondescripts passed out in stair wells, crap tables, and the like, we knew that SOAR VI was in full swing. We found out later that two of Security's pick-ups were local bums who weren't with us, but they had been put to bed in rooms with our group. But since it didn't seem to bother their bunkmates, it didn't bother us.

Saturday 11 December 1982

The second day of "sick call" consisted of Bloody Marys, champagne and any other leavings that were available at the never-ending bar as the first order of the day. National news interviews with CBS, ABC, and NBC were next for some of the members. Then a sumptuous buffet was prepared by Maxims and eaten by us prior to the annual business meeting.

1300 Saturday 11 December 1982

The Annual Business Meeting

The first order of business was to call the meeting to order, introduce our honored guests and toast our fallen and missing comrades-in-arms with a silent prayer.

The second order of business was the annual financial report which was presented by outgoing treasurer Chuck Darnell and verified by the auditing committee chaired by Jack Isler and verified by the general membership in attendance. (This year Chuck really had a problem finding sympathetic members at any price.)

The third order of business was the nominating committee report and the election of officers as previously determined.

But the highlight of the SOAR VI Reunion was the incredibly inspirational talk given by Colonel John F. "Skip" Sadler which covered his period as Chief SOG in 1970-71-72. As usual the room was cleared of all media personnel prior to our closed door meeting.

Colonel Sadler was followed by Jim Monahan and a briefing on the Center for MIA/POW accountability, and Lew Millet's (a good ole Maine boy) update on Project Freedom. Some of the quotable quotes that came out of these presentations were:

"Politically, I'm slightly to the left of Genghis Khan" -- Sadler

"He who refuses to serve the cause of freedom will live as a coward and die a slave" -- Millet

"Hymn-hymn?--Fuck him" by the request of Colonel Maggie for NBC News by the brotherhood.

Colonel Sadler was presented with a plaque expressing our sincerest appreciation by Clyde and the membership.

The announcement of the vote for Miss SOA 1982 followed and was won by an Army brat, Jocelyn Carroll, aka "Miss Puddin." Jocelyn made an acceptance speech and donated all proceeds to Project Freedom for POW/MIA.

Airborne Operation

Again, as in years prior, Jim Craig and his stalwarts performed a perfect "HALO" drop into the antenna farm beside the hotel. Next year by popular demand, the new chaplain is going to perform the first planned "HANO" jump from 12,000 feet. Good Luck, Larry.

Scuba Operations

Scott Lyon and some of his gluttons for punishment performed a new diving technique on the 14th floor of the Maxim which should go down in history. It was the first dive ever that ultimately saw the diver stuck to the ceiling of the room.

Special Operations

Nah, I'd get too many of you in trouble. Saturday night was one of renewing old friendships and small unit actions throughout Las Vegas. Each group of old friends took off to their own style entertainment and food as usual. But at 1 AM the hospitality suites were swinging again as everyone returned from their Area Recons.

Sunday 13 December 1982

Sick Call was performed by those who could stand, and the long, slow good-byes to dear friends whom we wouldn't see again for another year or more repeated itself. By 1900 SOAR VI had ended and Las Vegas was taken off Red Status.

In retrospect SOAR VI has come a long way from our opening shindig in which a collect call from Jim Wheeler was the top prize, won by Jimmi Johnson. The direction and accomplishments of our organization have been dynamic. In anticipating outdoing this year's door prize, we are considering for next year a fully armed and serviced Cobra attack helicopter--followed by Al-E's, AC-119 Stingers and AC-130 Spectres for the SOAR VIII, IX, and X, respectively. Incidentally, the Spectre is how we are going to get to Thailand for SOAR X, if it is not being used where it's needed closer to our present borders.

Missing Historical Photo Album

Will the person who picked up the photographic display of SOAR V please return it to the Secretary!!

Door Prizes

This year, as previously, the SOA was extremely lucky to have donated tons of beautiful equipment for use as door prizes. This year the Grand Prize was a fabulous sniper weapon which Jim Shults helped procure.

Jim built up a glass-stocked Remington 700 and had it embossed with the SOA Crest, and Roy Riddle donated the new Leatherwood ART II Army Sniper SCoPe with mounts. The weapon was fantastic, and the Raffle format was a reverse raffle with the last ticket out being the winner. Lionel "Choo Choo Penn won and has since had over fifty offers for the weapon, including one for over \$2,500 from Thailand.

Other Gifts

Regular Raffle -- ALL Donated by Ben Squires

Saki Set	Silver Demitass Spoons	Silver Hurricane Lamps
Gurkha Officer's Knife	Designer Neckties Package (2)	Attache Gun Case (2)

Special Raffle

Large Al Mar Knife	Medium Al Mar Knife	Small Al Mar Knife Donated by Al Mar
Cami-Overnight Backpack (2)		Donated by SOA
Gold Putter		Donated by Maxims
Large Cami Kit Bag	Small Cami Kit Bag	Donated by SOA
Leatherwood: 503 M/14/MT FN/FAL Mount		
AR-15/M-16 Mount	Ranger II Scope	All Donated by Roy Riddle
ART/MPC Scope		
Film Case		
Maxim Jackets (3)	3 day/2 night Holiday	Donated by Maxims
Wine (3 Bottles)	Wine (3 Bottles)	
Wine (3 Bottles)		Donated by Jesse Siglow
One year subscription to GUNG HO (2)		Donated by Jim Shults
One year subscription to NAT'l VIET VET REVIEW (10)		Donated by Chuck Allen

Reverse Raffle

Remington 700 .308 (7.62MM) Rifle mounted in a MacMillan Marine Corps Sniper stock with a Leatherwood ART Scope	Built by Jim Schultze	
	Scope	Donated by Roy Riddle
Amunition & Cleaning Equipment		Donated by Jim Shults

Appreciation

The raffles and drawings are the primary source of SOA funds, as most of you know, and without the generous help of those members who so unselfishly donate prizes for auction or drawings, these funds which benefit us all would be cut off. I again want to thank Al Mar, Roy Riddle, Jim Shults, Ben Squires, Jesse Siglow, Chuck Allen and the Maxim Hotel for their unwavering support to our association.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

1. Normally, the SOA always starts its Newsletter with some words of wisdom from our current President, but due to numerous world-wide opportunities, Clyde has been unable to come to grips with the matter at hand. So in the following paragraphs are my humble assessments of where we've been last year, and some areas that we hopefully are heading toward this year.

A. Last year, as in the previous years, was one of highly selective growth; our current membership now numbers over 500. The ratio of those who apply for membership in an associate status are approximately one accepted for every fourteen applications received. Those qualifying for general membership are 100% of applications received. The selection for associate membership is usually a brawl among the proponents of unit integrity and those advocating higher revenues through membership dues. At this time, we have been able to hold the line on unit integrity with an intelligent thought process of selecting certain associate members who can help us, the general membership, acquire our stated objectives.

Last year we made a concerted effort to find and enroll members from SOG units that we previously have not been able to find. The mission was successful in that we now have new members representing:

- 1) Force Recon Marines from OP-36
- 2) Navy Seals from NAD and OP-36
- 3) Prairiefire Nails
- 4) Raven Fac's (who were always in the barrel)
- 5) Little People from all our projects
- 6) Swift boat riders for the Northern Raids
- 7) Cas operatives
- 8) "First Flight" participants
- 9) Spectre & Stinger personnel

B. Our attempt at recreating the history of our unit and publicizing our existence has been very successful.

1) Boston Publishing's "The Vietnam Experience" now owned by TIME/LIFE came out with Volume IV in which we begin our Odyssey through the classified jungles of Southeast Asia with our own special flair. Terry Maitland has done a magnificent study of us, our missions and our impact on the war effort, and in the manner that we want.

2) Jim Pollock has written a best seller entitled MISSION MIA which reeks of our loyalty, consciousness, and devotion to those whom we have left behind.

3) And Jim Shults of "Gung Ho" has literally gone out of his way to present us in the way that we should be. (More on Shults later.)

C. The center for accountability was established and partially funded with Jimmy Monahan heading it up. Jim's task can be likened to one of the Herculean tasks of old in that the center's purpose is to coordinate all the



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

activities of certain branches of Government and collate their collective information into meaningful intelligence in the POW/MIA areas. As most of you know, this has never been done before because of petty jealousies, politics, and red tape. It is the same old story of one group not sharing its information with another group. Therefore Jim and the SOA provided the means and reasons for a central clearinghouse of information for intelligent action--i.e. Government Sanctioned Action.

- D. The Special Operations Association Scholarship Program was brought off the ground by a major contribution from Mrs. Roland "Frenchy" Amundson and the applications have been rolling in. At the end of April I will be mailing copies of all the applications to our scholarship board who will make the decision as to who will receive our first scholarship. The board is composed of the following members:

Mr. Ralf M. Miller, Chairman
Mr. James P. Hawke
Mr. Travis W. Mills
Mr. Lemuel D. McGlotherin
Mr. Terry O. Leverton
Mr. Frederick T. Abt (Alternate)

It is fitting that we name our first scholarship for our first MIA--Larry Thorne.

- E. The new SOA officers for 1983 are:

President	Clyde Sincere
First Vice President	Charles Darnell
Second Vice President	Scott Lyon
Treasurer	Keith Messinger
Secretary	James Butler
Chaplain	Larry Kimmel
Sgt. at Arms	Les Silvernail
Sgt at Arms	John Fryer

- F. After a specially hard fought battle, we received our Tax Free Status. This means that dues and other contributions (to Scholarship funds, etc.) are and were completely tax free. Our Employer Identification Number (EIN) is: EIN 94-9216008.

The reason for "are/were" was due to a rather insignificant event not involving us, but significantly dragging us into a situation that was most untenable.

Some of our membership under the guidance of Member #042, Bo Gritz, performed or stipulated that they were going to perform activities in violation of our Constitution and By-Laws; this unfortunately was picked up by the Federal Government. His operations were synonymous with us in that some of his most over-zealous fund raisers were approaching acquaintances and friends of the Association claiming that we were behind the attempt and that we wanted everyone to support it.

Gentlemen, this was truly not the case, and almost cost us our charter, our tax-exempt status, and many other areas that we receive assistance from. As to the Gritz operations, what his mission became, and why, I will not comment on, except to say that the Board of Governors under the provisions of our By-Laws demanded via certified letter an explanation from Member Bo. At this

time we have received no response. It is truly a shame that the incredible amount of work done by so many of our organization to fulfill the goals of the general membership and our stated objectives was almost completely undone by these events.

- G. Well, that's pretty much where we've been, and now let's look to here we are going.
2. This coming year will see us fully committed to all of the endeavors that we have previously started. And we will have some other areas that will need some area reconnaissance before we develop any set action. For example: the U. N. delegation from Cambodia, which we tax payers of the U.S. are supporting. Who are they? Aren't they Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge who were responsible for butchering over two million of their own countrymen and wiping out most of our Cambodian friends?

Other areas that we will be pursuing as pertains to the SOA are outlined below:

A. The SOA Museum and Historical Center.

1) Currently we are getting numerous items for inclusion in the museum which are historical in nature to SOG as far as our sophisticated equipment is concerned. Our locating some of the air assets that flew for us, SPADs, HOBOS, STINGERS, and SPECTRES has provided us with some incredible tapes of teams on the ground in trouble. Boston Publishing is continuing to document many of our activities from the early years.

2) Elsewhere in this AAR you will find a listing of the team members by Recon team of CCN during the period 1970 thru 1971. The intent behind this is to reconstruct a complete team genealogy from start to finish of the three C & Cs, as well as launch sites and other projects. Currently we have most of the team patches and pictures of teams that have never been published before. If you worked on Recon teams or hatchet forces, etc., and can add to this listing either in personnel, time frames, accomplishments of the team, i.e. number of missions, awards and decorations received etc., and a paragraph or two of specific missions, please drop me a line. This information is going to be collated and team plaques with Patch, participants, and accomplishments, as well as status of the team members with awards and decorations, will be made and placed in our museum by project and year. This can only be done thru your help. So PLEASE HELP! It will be a fitting tribute to those who have given so much for so little. I am also requesting individuals who worked in the support areas and headquarters to reconstruct what they can and also forward it to me--i.e. OP-80-1970-1971, which later became the JPRC.

B. SOA Patch and Coin.

We are currently coming out with a gorgeous SOA blazer patch and a very distinctive SOA coin with an area for name and unit to include dates too. I will let you know when it's available.

C. The American Heritage, the people who make the commemorative knives, asked us if we wanted to authorize a SOG knife. The answer in due time will probably be yes, but it will have to be a replica of the original SOG knife that we were issued, and for which I have the specifications.

D. I have been in touch with a truly remarkable artist who can read a report of action and paint an incredible likeness of the men, the action, and the situation. It is felt that his gifted ability with our input can generate a collectors set of limited edition prints of the teams and their accomplishments. The Originals would be donated to our museum to illustrate the specific

actions, and the dollars from the sales would go to our scholarship funds and Museum/Safe House procurement funds. We, the SOA, would guarantee and approve of the authenticity of each picture on the print. Can you imagine a night picture of Danny Entrician standing guard over the fallen Hollingsworth and Dehnke immortalized on canvas? THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE.

- E. Over the last seven years, we have been able to find jobs for many of our personnel--a self-help program only open to the general members. But this program has been one of haphazard timing and not very vigorously pursued. Therefore, it gives me great pleasure to acquaint you with a new service that we are providing. A system to link apples with apples, and oranges with oranges, not the usual fruit salads.

This office now has the capability of keeping on file your resumes for future employment. We definitely get a lot of requests for personnel who are actively seeking employment. Please send your resumes to this office, even if you are not getting out of the service for the next four or five years--and of course, those of you who are already out and looking. This service can be a major stepping stone for you which many of us who have already departed the Government never had, but wished we did.

The Dale Dehnke Awards

Jim Kennedy was asked by the Association to go to Santa Monica High School to take a picture of the Dale Dehnke Awards that were instituted by the school as a memorial to their most outstanding scholar-athlete. The school told Jim that the trophies were about to be discontinued due to lack of funds. It is my pleasure to announce that upon mentioning this fact at SOAR VI, the membership quickly contributed \$150 to perpetuate these awards in the name of one of the finest one-zeros who ever performed at CCN-RECON.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS IN JEOPARDY: The membership numbers that follow are currently two years in arrears. Protect your membership! PAY YOUR DUES NOW!!

002	003	005	020	021	129	031
035	041	046	048	050	053	056
058	065	077	078	079	086	088
095	100	106	110	112	118	119
120	124	126	127	129	131	132
159	160	162				

Jocelyn Carroll addresses the Membership!!

Quote from EAGLE magazine, June 83 issue "on the lighter side was the election of Miss SOAR VI from among the bevy of beauties assisting at the SOA Convention. Pleasing 'Puddin'--that's me-- won the contest.

"Capturing the unprecedented distinguished title of Miss SOA, 1983, signified more than simply winning a contest. With great pride and great honor I became a very privileged, honorary member of an important and elite part of our society. A stranger I am not to military life. My Daddy spent 30 years of his life in the U.S. Army. A stranger I am, though, to the life of jungles, behind enemy lines, combat and the readiness to risk ones' own life to keep those at home free.

"...life has a special flavor the protected will never know.' I may never taste that 'special flavor' but I can damn well smell the aroma. It's my time to actively 'serve the cause of freedom.'

"The excitement generated in those five fabulous days in December has been contained and is standing by. The brandy 'flash backs', however, still continue. Most importantly those overwhelming feelings of pride and honor are with me to stay.

"Thank you all so much.

"Here's to our courageous--all of you. Thanks for keeping it Red, White and Blue.

"More than sincerely,

"Puddin"

Jocelyn Carroll aka 'Puddin'
Miss SOA 1983

"P.S. Tommy Ponder--It's still working!"

And to those two unmentionables who purchased Adam Husar's door prize with the promise that they would contribute \$500 to the Scholarship Fund--
The Fund is ready when you are!!

CONGRATS are in order for Les Silvernail who was recently married in Reno!

NOTES FROM and TO MEMBERS

Sammy Hernandez (CSM) writes from Europe. He will be finishing his tour in Europe in August and will be at the next SOA reunion if his strings don't break. Sammy's address: Third Squadron, HHT, Seventh Cavalry, APO N.Y. 09033.

Al Montez writes and says he feels really good about being an American. Thanks for the contribution, Al. Al's new address: 439 25 Ave., E. Moline, IL 61244.

Bill Werther wrote from Korea requesting applications to join us. His address: U.S.A. Special Forces Detachment, Korea, APO S.F. 96301.

Fred Jackson checked in and caught up with his dues. Fred's address: 111 Via Las Palmas #2, Palm Springs, CA 92262.

Shaun M. Durragh writes that he is actively working on an article about UNPEK Operations in Korea and is interested in corresponding with anyone from the Donkey or Wolfpack groups. His address is: 11-A Officers Circle, Fort Douglas, Utah 84113.

Lee Hope "The Bear" is currently working on a book, "Tales of the Twenty-Five Year War (1950-1975)" and is actively seeking genuine war stories for inclusion. However, I'm not going to put his address in until he pays his SOA dues.

Mr. Thomas R. Cantwell of P.O.Box 292, Burwood NSW 2134, Australia, writes to request information for a five year study which he has undertaken on the capabilities of the ARVN Soldiers both pro and con, good, bad, or indifferent. Anyone who so wishes to state his case for the "Little People" have at it.

I have asked the Forced Recon Association if their member #8, Bob Burton, gets his checks from the sides of a RB-15. He keeps this up, and we will all have the right to call him "Flubber."

Happy Anniversary, Ed and Karen! We missed you this year.

MacDonald Valentine writes that he has several rare SOG period items donated to him from some of our membership, and he would gladly sell them to us at a discount. Next time, I hope, we will be in a position to sell to him.

Mr. John B. Dwyer writes that he is currently doing some research on Project 404 and would like some input from anyone. His address is 430 Westbrook, Dayton, OH 45415.

AS YOU CAN READILY SEE, MANY PEOPLE ARE REQUESTING OUR SERVICES IN PERFORMANCE OF THEIR GOALS. PLEASE BE SURE TO HAVE ANY WRITERS WHO MAY BE DOING STORIES ON THE MEMBERS AND GROUPS OF OUR ASSOCIATION SEND US COPIES FOR OUR RECORDS.

1983 DUES ARE DUE IF YOU DID NOT PAY ALREADY. WE ARE STILL A FLEDGLING OPERATION AND DON'T HAVE THE STAFF TO BILL. PLEASE MAKE A NOTE TO SEND US YOUR DUES ON JANUARY 1 OF EACH YEAR WHETHER YOU ARE BILLED OR NOT!

THANK YOU!



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

RT ALASKA NUNG

10 Danny Entrician (Tupelo Kid) MIA
11 Gary (Holly) Hollingsworth KIA
STRAP Dale Dehnke KIA

RT AFRICA BRU

10 Duane Ramsey WIA
11 John Hauser WIA

RT KANSAS BRU

10 Glenn Reed (Khe Sahn Red)
11 Loren Hagen (Festus)
In May of 1971 the team was composed of:
10 Loren Hagen KIA (CMH)
11 -- Foster WIA
12 Orin Bingham KIA (DSC)
STRAP Tony Anderson WIA
STRAP William Queen WIA
The mission was STATIC Roadwatch and is documented in
Hagen's Medal of Honor narrative.

I hope I will get most of the teams and some of the members in the following lists. But I need help from YOU!

RT MICHIGAN BRU

10 Elden Bargewell WIA (DSC & SS)
11 -- Scott WIA — —
12 -- "Fish" — —
13 Jon Cavianni WIA POW (CMH)

RT VIPER VN

10 "Swede" Ashton WIA
STRAP Larry T. Manes
STRAP J. D. Bath
STRAP Noel Gast

RT KRAIT VN

10 Rich Hendricks WIA (DSC)
11 Sam "Injun" Adams WIA

RT VIRGINIA

10 Keith Messinger "Cpt. America"
11 Mike Heinrecy "Lurch"
12 Larry Brazier WIA "Shakey"
STRAP Jim Butler WIA (SS)

RT NORTH CAROLINA BRU

10 Jimmy Horton WIA
11 Scooter Davis WIA

RT MISSISSIPPI BRU

10 Jim Kennedy



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RT GEORGIA

10 Jimmy Johnson WIA
11 Pee Wee Reese WIA — —
12 John Case — —
STRAP John Anderson — —
STRAP Billy Boggs — —
-- Castillo — —

RT INTRUDER

10 Ron "Doc" Watson MIA/KIA
11 -- Lloyd MIA/KIA
STRAP Sammy Hernandez
12 Ray Robinson
STRAP Wesley

RT FLORIDA First Halo Team

10 Sammy Hernandez — —
11 Melvin Hill — —
12 Cliff Newman WIA — —
-- Roger Teeter KIA

RT COBRA

Bill Krempa KIA
Snake Adams WIA

RT INDIANA

Hoot Gibson KIA
Tom Hansen KIA

RT ANNACONDA VN-THAI

10 David Daugherty WIA (SS)
11 Orin Bingham KIA
12 Buster -- KIA

RT HAWAII VN-THAI

10 Keith Kincaid WIA
11 Nigger Moore — —
12 Roger Teeter KIA

HALO TEAM WAUGH BUFFALOES

10 Billy Waugh WIA
11 J. D. Bath WIA
12 Mike Strohlein MIA

OTHERS I NEED HELP WITH!!

1) RT _____

10 -- Madsen — —
11 Dick Carnes — —

2) RT _____

10 Charlie Trucks — —
11 Danny Entrician MIA



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Leonard Allen KIA RT
10 Marty "Skinny" Wilson RT WIA (SS)
Jesse Thompson
10 CPT Manning WIA
Lt McMurray KIA
SSG Arbeit KIA
Frovarp
Wagy
Baggett
Dave Robinson

Chase Medics:

James & Robert Woodham -- twins, both WIA. Each won (SS) & (DSC's)
Johnny Hanna
Rowdy Yeats

Those of you with knowledge of the teams prior to 1969, please reconstruct what you can and forward it to this office.

Here is a start for CCC RECON

RT W. Virginia	Joe Alderman KIA
RT Ohio	Ron Gearhart
RT New York	Bobbie Pruett (DSC) WIA
RT Vermont	Snake Evans (DSC) WIA
RT Maine	Fred Zabitosky (CMH) WIA
RT	Bobby Howard (CMH) WIA
RT	Jerry Schriver MIA

And a beginning for CCS RECON

J. Frank Burkhard
Peter Nimzie
John H. Costello
Robert J. Graham
William Coughlan
David Paul
Steve Pletcher
William Curtis

Others which I remember but cannot place on teams or what happened to them are:

Jimmy Wheeler WIA RT	10 Lightning Wunderlich RT
Gary Schwarzbaugh WIA RT	10 Gary Robb RT CCN
Dutch Sringa KIA RT	10 Jim Exum RT led raid in North.
10 Pappy Hemminger WIA RT	-- Reeves --
11 Don Schue MIA RT	



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RT MISSOURI
VN

10 Babysahn Davidson KIA

RT NEW JERSEY
NUNG

10 Sluggo Murphy WIA
11 Michael Waters WIA

RT ADDER
RHADE

10 Bill Durham — — —
11 Gerry Barker — — —
12 Noel Gast — — —

RT HABU
RHADE

10 Snake Adams WIA
11 Lemuel McClotherin WIA (SS)
12 -- Danzer WIA
STRAP Jimmy Horton WIA
STRAP Cliff Newman WIA

RT IDAHO
RHADE

10 Noel Gast WIA
Spider Parks — — —
-- Castillo — — —

RT ASP

10 Lucien Delk (TAC-E)
11 Wm. "Jose" Fernandez KIA
After this the ASP team was:
10 Klaus Bingham MIA
11 Jim Luttrell MIA
12 Lew Walton MIA

RT MOCCASIN

10 Mike Dugan — —
11 -- Klewicki — —
12 Master Joseph — —

RT PYTHON
VN-THAI

10 Jim Butler WIA (SS)
11 Les Chapman WIA (DSC & SS)
12 Bill Sterling
STRAP Jon Cavianni WIA POW (CMH)
STRAP Ed Brown KIA
STRAP Jim Luttrell MIA
STRAP Larry Brazier WIA
STRAP Reuben Prophet WIA





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FROM: Treasurer

SUBJECT: Status of members

In order that you be informed in a timely manner through SOA mailings, it is necessary that you provide a current address for our files. Failure to do so results in an unhappy, uninformed member and a waste of SOA funds. I have provided forms for this purpose below. Please complete one form NOW if your address has changed recently. Be sure to send us a form whenever and as soon as a change occurs in the future--and note our new address.

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CARMEL, CA 93922

NAME: _____ MEMBER # _____

ADDRESS: _____
(number/route/box) (street)

(city) (state) (zip code)

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Home: _____
(area) (number)
Business: _____
(area) (number)

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(area) (number)



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