



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

SOAR XIII





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F
Las Vegas, Nevada 89122

Better late than never, as they say. It seems like everything is running late this year; my mortgage payments, child support, etc. I hope the fact that we moved the SOAR up a month and then waited until the last minute to get this convention package out didn't inconvenience too many people. I know trips like this take planning. We all remember the time, however, when we had a lot less notice for a much longer stay in places not quite as nice as Las Vegas. Seriously, I do apologize for the short notice. It is my fault entirely, but I still hope we have a good turn out at SOAR XIII. Now that you do know we are having a reunion, I strongly suggest making any flight arrangements as soon as possible. As mentioned in the past, Las Vegas is growing every day and the airport on Sunday resembles Saigon in '75.

As you can see, SOA has been getting around. The cover picture is of SOA member Steve Filipetti at the South Pole. The plaque was made by his friend Mike Patterson and is planted at the sight where the flags of all the signature nations of the "Antarctic Treaty" are flying. The plaque is dedicated to Col. Maggie who sent Mike an autographed picture with her gratitude. All I can say is I'm glad it was these guys down there and not me. Thanks Steve and Mike.

We should have an interesting SOAR this year as has been our tradition. I'm sure most, if not all, of you are familiar with the "Brotherhood of War" and "The Corps" series written by W.E.B. Griffin. If not, I highly recommend them. They make for great reading, lots of action and the "good guys" win. The author has done considerable research into our type of organizations which is evident because we are portrayed as the true heroes we all are. Seriously, W.E.B. Griffin is the pen name of Mr. Bill Butterworth. Mr. Butterworth has consented to attend SOAR XIII. He has mentioned that he would rather listen to us talk than to speak to us, but, perhaps we can get him to relate some anecdotes of his most interesting writing career. I should refer to him as the Honorable Mr. Butterworth as he is the Social Secretary of the Beau Geste Half-Fast Literary Society which is a "Federally Recognized Right Wing Male Chauvinist Organization." They are the proud sponsors of the Magnolia Home for Unwed Fathers and Abused Husbands. I told him that he probably will get some recruits at SOAR XIII.

As you all know we already have some pretty prestigious writers on our rolls. Jim Pollock, who has supported the SOA greatly over the years and who has on his shelves some of the best Tennessee shine in the world, Jim Morris and Mark Berent. All these gentlemen have works out or coming out soon. I have read

Jim Pollock's and Mark Berent's latest books and they are both excellent in my opinion. I understand Jim Morris' latest is quite good also. That's next on my list. On Saturday 4 November after the general membership meeting we plan to get all our Authors in Attendance to hold a "round table" discussion with any and all who may want to attend. This will present an excellent opportunity for anybody who has ever desired to do some writing to possibly learn some of the tricks of the trade.

I am pleased to report that we have another new Life Member on our rolls. Someone who epitomizes what our organization is all about by his exploits from World War II on. Colonel Aaron Bank. Col Bank and his charming wife, Catherine, have confirmed their attendance at SOAR XIII barring any unforeseen difficulties. I am sure we can get the Colonel to relate some tales from his OSS days to the Special Operations community as most of us knew it.

I have invited our two favorite ladies also. Colonels Maggie and Frenchie. If Maggies schedule (which is getting busier) allows, she will make every effort to attend. I'm sure Frenchie will be there also.

I would like to take the opportunity to advise you on the status of some of our Scholarship recipients. This years George C. Morton Scholarship was awarded to Miss Kristi Craig of Fayetteville. Kristi is the daughter of SOA member Ramon Craig. Kristi sent a very nice "Thank You" letter and advises that she will attend East Carolina State with a major in education. Congratulations Kristi. East Carolina is the alma mater of another of our awardees, Allan Shumate. That is 2Lt Shumate, by the way. Allan was commissioned in May and will graduate later this year. Not only has he outgrown his father but he now outranks him. Not only is Allan Airborne and Ranger qualified but he has become quite an accomplished free-faller. He has managed to chase his father and me around the sky a few times. Michelle Parks, Spider's daughter, sent a very nice letter reporting an A/B average during her freshman year at UNC-Wilmington. She offered her assistance to the SOA if and when needed. Be careful, Michelle, we might take you up on that. We also received a very nice letter from Gena Vecchiarello, Frank's daughter. She is starting her Senior year. Wow, how time flies. Gena not only made the Dean's List for both semesters in her Junior year, but was elected National Coordinator for the Inter-Residence Association. I know Frank is quite proud of her as we all are. We received a nice letter also from Christine Redman. Chris will graduate next year with a degree in Marketing. During the summer she worked in the Engineering Dept. of the Des Moines Water Works. During School she worked part time in the Land use Analysis Lab at Iowa State. In her spare time she works as an Independent Beauty Consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics. What spare time, Chris? On top of all this she has maintained a B average. Congatulations to you too Chris. Clyde Sincere reports that his son, Andy, has spent this summer learning the value of a college education by working as a laborer. Andy completed his first year at West Virginia University with a high B average. He has transferred in-state to George Mason University in Fairfax where he plans to complete his education. Keep up the good work, Andy.

I would like to include the next letter from one of our Scholarship recipients in its entirety:

On May 13, 1989, I graduated from the Citadel, the military college of South Carolina. My graduation marked the end of a long and difficult road which began some 4 years earlier on August 18, 1985. The mission of the Citadel is "to make available to the Country young men with alert minds and osund bodies who have been taught high ideals, honor, uprightness, loyalty, patriotism, and that obedience which goes with trained initiative and leadership." While attending the Citadel, I was a member of the cordell Ranger Company. I served as a team leader my Freshman year and was promoted through the ranks to Platoon Leader by my Senior year. I was a member of the Citadel's Honor Court, and participated in every intramural sport. I graduated with a GPA of 3.0 in my major and 2.7 overall. This average far exceeds the average GPA of the South Carolina Corps of Cadets.

I was recently commissioned into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant on July 25, 1989. This was the culmination of 4 years of Army ROTC training and the successful completion of "Camp All American" at Fort Bragg, NC. Camp All American is a six week course through which the Army evaluates the leadership potential of it's ROTC Cadets. I finished camp in the top 20% of my peers. I will be attending Infantry Officers Basic Course in January, 1990, and I hope to attend Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger school following my Officer's Basic Course. Tentatively, I beliece I will be assigned to the 29th Light Infantry Division, and I look forward to serving my country as an Officer in the United States Army's infantry. I would like to thank the Special Operations Association for their financial support and moral support over the last four years. It was an honor to be the recipient of the Association's Scholarship award, and to have the opportunity to meet with and be a part of a truely great family.

Sincerely,
Lance G. Morton
2Lt US Army

Congratulations to you, Lance, I know your Dad would have been very proud, as all of us are.

I apologize for getting "wordy" here, but I wanted the membership to have an idea of what these young people have been up to and how important our Scholarship program has become. All of you who have donated both time and money can be satisfied that your efforts have been worth it. We must keep this program going strong.

The Special Forces Association Convention in San Diego this year was quite a success. We had several members in attendance and I would like to thank them for upholding the long standing tradition of SOA personnel being able to imbibe with the best of them. I would particularly like to thank members F.M Ritchie, his lovely wife, Lynelle, and Gene Mc Carthy for their bartending expertise. I've never seen anybody drink and stir at the same time.

We are going to need some volunteers (I know that is a dirty word) again this year. Mainly to help set up the hospitality suite, our "holding area" bar and to secure the same. Also, we could use a couple of your wives/girlfriends to act as sort of "aid-decamps" to Col's Maggie and Frenchie and to Mrs. Bank. Please notify myself, Jack Abraham or Scotty Lyon if you can help out.

You may be wondering what happened to the T-shirts from last year. Good question. They were made in Korea, as is most everything else now days, but because we are not "Fruit of the Loom" there were some problems with customs, immigration, IRS, KGB, etc. or a combination of the above and they ended up back in Korea. We hope to have them by this SOAR. Please note that there are two items added to the registration form. One is a wind-breaker that should be quite nice. Any profits above cost will go into the Scholarship fund. Also, Scotty has offered to do a "Video" of SOAR XIII. This should be quite entertaining with scenes of not only the SOAR but of Las Vegas in general (it will NOT be X-rated). The cost will be between \$15 and \$20 each. Scotty has to have an idea of how many people may want one. The cost of editing these things is quite high and although Scotty has offered to do them at cost, he has to have enough people to warrant the expense. If you so indicate you will be expected to comply.

I'm sure the first thing most of you noticed is the increase in SOAR registration cost. We based this increase simply on the fact that last year SOAR XII ended up costing the Association on the average of \$128 per person. This was based on all aspects of the reunion. We are working on ways to keep costs down and, of course, any savings will be passed back to the members.

Again, my apologies in getting this notice out so late. Please make your travel arrangements early. I hope everyone is having a great year and hope to see as many of you as possible in November.

CLIFF NEWMAN
President

SOAR XIII
2-5 NOVEMBER 1989
MARINA HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS

<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
2 NOV/THU	ALL DAY	ARRIVAL - REGISTRATION	HOSP. SUITE
3 NOV/FRI	0800-1700	ARRIVAL - REGISTRATION	HOSP. SUITE
3 NOV/FRI	1700-1900	BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	TBA
4 NOV/SAT	1000-1200	GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	TBA
4 NOV/SAT	1300-1500	WRITERS SYMPOSIUM	TBA
4 NOV/SAT	1700-2400	DINNER, RAFFLE, SPEAKERS, PARTY	TBA
5 NOV/SUN	0900-1300	BRUNCH	RESTAURANT
5 NOV/SUN	ALL DAY	DEPARTURE	

THE HOLDING AREA AND HOSPITALITY SUITE WILL BE DESIGNATED ON ARRIVAL. THE HOSPITALITY SUITE WILL BE OPEN ON ARRIVAL UNTIL APPROX. 1200 FRIDAY WHEN ALL ACTIVITIES WILL RE-LOCATE TO THE HOLDING AREA.

ONCE AGAIN SCOTTY ASSURES ME THE BARTENDRESSES AND COCKTAIL GIRLS WILL BE AS LOVELY AS EVER. THEY WILL BE WORKING FOR TIPS ONLY SO PLEASE BE GENEROUS. THEY WILL WORK AS LONG AS THERE ARE TIPPING CUSTOMERS.

PLEASE BRING ANY COMPLAINTS (SERIOUS ONES) TO ANY OFFICER OR BOARD MEMBER. DO NOT CONFRONT ANY HOTEL EMPLOYEE WITH A PROBLEM.

PLEASE BRING ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE SOAR's, METHODS OF INCREASING OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND OR ANYTHING ELSE TO ANY BOARD MEMBER.

ANYONE WHO FEELS THEY HAVE THE TIME AND DESIRE TO BE AN OFFICER IN SOA PLEASE CONTACT ADAM HUSAR OR ANY BOARD MEMBER.

HAVE A GOOD TIME!!!!



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. CHARLESTON BLVD., SUITE 5-583F
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89122

May 10, 1989

Cliff Newman, President
Special Operations Association (SOA)
1903 Temple #316
Signal Hill, CA 90804

It is a great pleasure to report to you that the SOA Scholarship Committee has selected a recipient for the SOA academic scholarship award for the school year beginning the Fall 1989. The applicant was found to be fully and most highly qualified. The Committee selected the following applicant for the award:

Kristi Ann Craig - Four years

Providing the appropriate grade point average is maintained, the recipient is to receive \$1000 (\$100 a month for ten months) per year, beginning with the '89 Fall semester, not to exceed the number of years stated above.

It is hereby requested that you approve our selection and notify the recipient by letter of her selection. Further, it is requested that award funding be made available to the recipient in time for the beginning of the Fall '89 school term and not be unduly delayed for a presentation ceremony.

Sincerely yours,

Ralf M. Miller, Chairman
Awards and Scholarship Committee

cc: George Blakey, Treasurer

Enclosed with this packet are the following forms and the addresses they need to be mailed to:

FORM

ADDRESS

SOAR XIII HOTEL REGISTRATION
(Form and self addressed envelope enclosed).

Marina Hotel & Casino
3805 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV 89109

1990 BALLOT
(Envelope enclosed)

RALF MILLER

SOAR XIII REGISTRATION

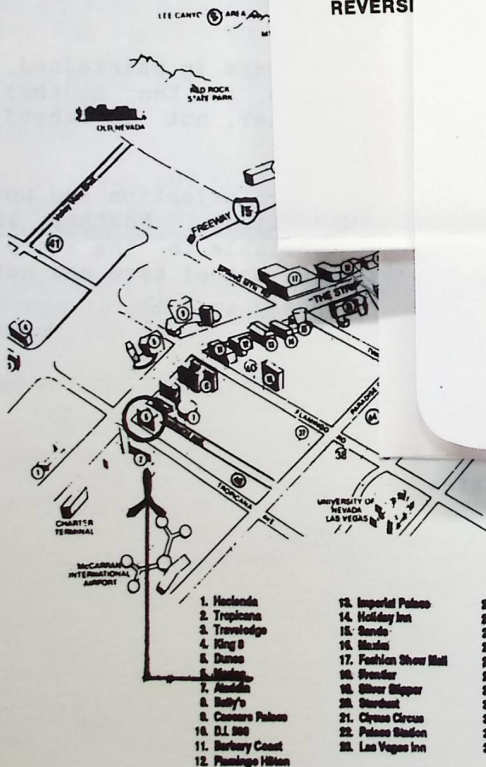
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OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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ALL SOA VOTING MEMBERS HAVE BEEN SENT THIS MAIL-IN BALLOT. PROXY VOTING
WILL NOT BE PERMITTED FOR THIS ELECTION.

OFFICERS (VOTE FOR ONE FOR EACH POSITION):

PRESIDENT:

CLIFF NEWMAN
WRITE-IN _____

1st VICE PRESIDENT:

JACK ABRAHAM
WRITE-IN _____

2d VICE PRESIDENT:

HAROLD 'JAKE' JACOBSON
WRITE-IN _____

SECRETARY:

FRANK VECCHIARELLO
WRITE-IN _____

TREASURER:

GEORGE 'MOE' BLAKEY
WRITE-IN _____

DIRECTORS AT LARGE (VOTE FOR A TOTAL OF TWO)

JUSTIN E 'GENE' MCCARTHY

SCOTT LYON

TOMMIE L PONDER

CLYDE SINCERE

WRITE-IN _____

WRITE-IN _____

1. Print clearly any names you might designate for write-in candidates.
2. Do not sign you name on this ballot; sign and print you name with your membership number on the envelope ONLY.
3. This ballot is to be sealed within the official 1990 ballot envelope. Your name printed legibly with your membership number and signed on the envelope is necessary for authentication.
4. This ballot must be received by the Tally Committee not later than Monday, 23 October 1989.

SOAR XIII REGISTRATION FORM
2-5 NOVEMBER 1989
MARINA HOTEL & CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP NO. _____

ADDRESS _____
_____ ZIP _____ TELEPHONE (____) _____ - _____

HOTEL: PLEASE SEND YOUR RESERVATION IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE DIRECTLY
TO THE MARINA HOTEL BY 23 OCT 89 WITH REQUIRED DEPOSIT.

REGISTRATION

A. MEMBER: _____ \$125.00 \$ _____
Shirt Size (if they show up) _____

B. GUEST(s) Name _____ \$125.00 \$ _____

DUES (Life Members Disregard) 1989 \$25.00 \$ _____

WIND BREAKER Size _____ \$26.00 \$ _____

RAFFLE (No limit on tickets)

A. GENERAL RAFFLE \$5.00 ea X _____ \$ _____
(All Prizes less Ithaca Shotgun)

b. REVERSE RAFFLE - ITHACA SHOTGUN \$10.00 ea X _____ \$ _____

VIDEO Please indicate if you are interested YES _____ NO _____
Cost - approx \$15 - \$20. Please coordinate direct
with SCOTT LYON. YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLY AS INDICATED

DINNER & SHOW Friday 3 Nov. \$40.00 \$ _____
Scotty has a good one in mind. Times will be
posted upon arrival. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND
MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE; THEY CANNOT BE MADE AT THE
CONVENTION

BRUNCH Sunday 5 Nov. \$6.00 ea X _____ \$ _____
(You all know how good it was last (\$7.00 at the door)
year.)

TOTAL ENCLOSED (Check or Money Order Only-Please do not
send cash) \$ _____

Make check payable to SOA and mail in enclosed envelope

AL MAR'S ONE ZERO SOG KNIFE

Al Mar (439) has graciously offered to continue to sell the Model 10 (SOG) knife to SOA members at his dealer cost. As usual, we're going to tack on a profit for the Association but we'll still sell the knife which is currently retailing at \$190.00, for only \$125.00; that's a pretty good savings. This price will include, if desired, engraving the blade with the SOA logo and individual SOA membership number. The \$125.00 price is for SOA members only; orders should be placed through the Association P.O. Box using the Memorabilia Items Order Form. Again, total price including postage is only \$125.00.

AL MAR KNIVES



SPECIAL FORCES ONE-ZERO SF/SOG

"Variations of the knives are better because they are different from what other collectors have... Almost every military unit needed a knife for a different reason."

BLADE Magazine

"The Special Forces One-Zero will be a fine addition to the military collector's trove of historical combat blades... Al Mar has brought what was a lost piece of combat cutlery history into the present for everyone's enjoyment and benefit."

KNIFE WORLD

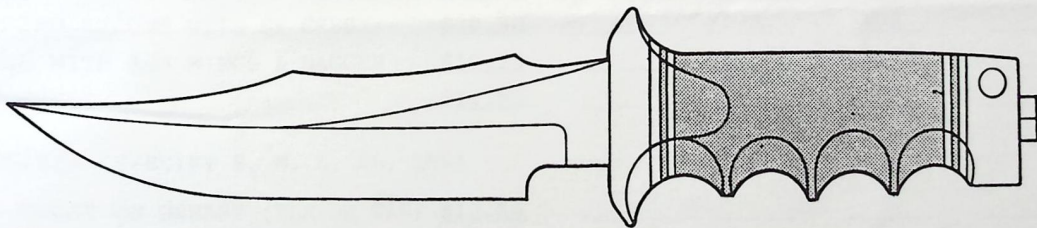
During the early 1960s the Green Berets began issuing a combat knife of their own design to members of their elite reconnaissance teams. These teams operated throughout Indo-China and were involved in some of the most secretive operations of the Viet Nam war. The knife became a mark of distinction, and later a remembrance for those that fought under the motto "De Oppresso Liber".

Al Mar, former Green Beret, has brought the knife that made history back. Named in honor of the

numerical designation assigned recon team leaders the One-Zero is dedicated to the memory of those men who carried this blade into combat. AMK's commitment to form and function have brought about improvements in both the knife's cosmetic as well as practical aspects without compromising the heritage that makes the One-Zero so unique.

The Special Forces One-Zero - Display it with pride.

Your knife is first and foremost a tool. Treated with respect, given the proper care before, during, and after use, it will serve you well. As with all quality tools, examine your intended task with care and use the tool that will insure you the greatest degree of success. Al Mar Knives - The Warrior's Edge



4008

SF/SOG (ONE ZERO)

Blade Length:	6 1/2" / 166 mm
Blade Thickness:	1/4" / 6 mm
Blade Steel:	AM-6, RC 57-59
O.A.L.:	11 1/4" / 286 mm
Guard:	Brass
Butt Cap:	Brass
Handle:	Leather
Scabbard:	Full Top Grain Leather, Blk



MEMORABILIA

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<u>PATCHES</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>TYPE OR COLOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
S.F. FLASH	\$ 3.95	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
CCN, CCC or CCS	\$ 9.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
POW/MIA PATCH	\$ 6.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
MIKE FORCE WITH DRAGON	\$ 8.90	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
MIKE FORCE SKULL/CROSSBONES	\$ 8.90	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOG - 7 COLOR	\$ 8.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOG - 4 COLOR	\$ 6.25	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
VN AIRBORNE	\$ 6.25	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
<u>ZIPPO LIGHTERS WITH CREST (SPECIFY)</u>					
SOA, SOG, USSF, VNSF PATCH, SF CREST, GREEN BERET	\$13.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
<u>KEY CHAINS (LEATHER W/METAL CREST) (SPECIFY)</u>					
SOA, SOG, USSFVN, SF PATCH, SF CREST, GREEN BERET, MIKE FORCE	\$13.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
<u>CAPS (ADJUSTABLE)</u>					
SPECIAL FORCES SHOULDER PATCH	\$ 6.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
CROSSED ARROWS WITH SF CREST	\$10.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SKULL WITH ABN WINGS & DAGGER	\$10.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA CREST	\$14.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
<u>T-SHIRTS (SPECIFY S, M, L, XL, XXL)</u>					
SOA CREST ON BREAST (BLK OR TAN)	\$12.50	_____	_____	_____	_____
SPECIAL FORCES VIETNAM VET(BLK)	\$10.00	_____	BLK	_____	_____
HANOI JANE LOLLIPOP (BLUE)	\$10.00	_____	BLU	_____	_____
<u>MUGS (BLACK W/GOLD)</u>					
SOA WITH CREST	\$ 9.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA BEER MUG (11 oz)	\$12.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA BEER MUG (16 oz)	\$16.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA WIND BREAKER	\$26.00	_____	N/A	_____	_____

	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QTY.</u>	<u>TYPE OR</u> <u>COLOR</u>	<u>SIZE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>LAPEL PINS & TIE TACKS</u>					
SOA LAPEL PINS (SOA CREST)	\$ 3.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA TIE TACK (SOA CREST)	\$ 3.25	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA LAPEL PIN (WING & SKULL)	\$ 3.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA COIN (COPPER)	\$ 9.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA COIN (PEWTER)	\$10.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA BELT BUCKLE	\$10.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
BULLION BLAZER PATCH (SOA CREST)	\$30.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____

SOA RING

GOLD PLATED	<u>QUOTE</u>	_____	N/A	_____	_____
14 KT. GOLD	<u>QUOTE</u>	_____	N/A	_____	_____

DECAL

SOA (INSIDE WINDOW)	\$ 3.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____
SOA (OUTSIDE WINDOW)	\$ 3.50	_____	N/A	N/A	_____

AL MAR KNIFE (SOG) (SF)					
ENGRAVED (NAME & NUMBER)	\$125.00	_____	N/A	N/A	_____

POSTAGE: UNDER \$ 50.00 (3.50)
 UNDER \$100.00 (5.10)
 OVER \$100.00 (7.50)
 EXCEPT: KNIFE PACKAGE (0.00)

SUBTOTAL _____
 POSTAGE _____
 TOTAL _____

ALL ORDERS FROM OUTSIDE THE U.S. MUST BE PAYABLE IN U.S. CURRENCY.

MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP NO. _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER WITH THIS ORDER FORM TO: SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, 5130 E. CHARLESTON BLVD., SUITE 5-583F, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA 89122.

ALLOW 4 TO 6 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY.



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AFTER ACTION REPORT SOAR XIII

PRE-CONVENTION SOAR XIV



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Another decade has passed us by. It seems hard to believe that it has been 2 to 3 decades since the majority of us fought in South East Asia. I prefer to use the terms "a few years" rather than "a couple of decades." I hope your year has gotten off to a good start and is going well. It has been some year so far. The world has finally realized that communism dosen't work. The Berlin Wall is coming down. Central and Eastern Europe are changing rapidly. What is the 10th SFG going to do? Something tells me, however, that I wouldn't stack arms just yet.

I hope every one had a good time at SOAR XIII. I know there were some people a bit disgruntled with the accommodations, but I think for the most part it didn't turn out too bad. We have a "Convention Committee" now that will solve a lot of problems and they are doing a great job setting up SOAR XIV. The dates will be 1 thru 4 November 1990, and it looks like we'll be at the Palace Station.

Some other dates to keep in mind:

3 thru 8 July - Special Forces Association Convention '90. The 38th anniversary of Special Forces will be held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of Airborne in Washington D.C. I don't imagine there will be too much partying going on. I have "volunteered" our services to help out in the Hospitality Suite or Room on Saturday 7 July from 1230 to 1500 hours. I will be there and any other SOA members will certainly be welcome to help out. POC is Clyde Sincere.

11 thru 15 July - Reunion "33" is the 2d reunion of the 1st Special Forces Group to be held in Monterey, CA. There will be a contingent from Ft Lewis coming down. It is shaping up to be a great time. POC is Jake Jacobson.

For future planning the Australian Army Training Team Viet Nam (AATTV) will hold their reunion in Melbourne beginning 31 July 1992 thru ? Our Australian Liaison, Clay Scott, will provide more info as time draws nearer. For those who are planning to attend, the two major hubs to depart from are San Francisco (SFO) and Los Angeles (LAX) with stops in Hawaii to stretch. The Aussies are working on assigning sponsors to

assist travelers thru Sydney and into Melbourne.

For those who attended SOAR XIII you were both entertained and informed at the General Membership Meeting by our life member, COL. Aaron Bank, who reflected on some of his early Special Operations experiences with the OSS. His book "From OSS To Green Berets" gives a concise history of our lineage.

Our guest speaker at the banquet was Mr. Bill Butterworth, AKA W.E.B. Griffin author of the "Brotherhood of War" and "The Corps" series. Bill's most humorous talk revealed what many of us who have read his books were wondering. That is, where did he get all his material? It seems that Bill had a very interesting military career himself. I just finished his 3rd book in the "Corps" series and like all the rest, don't pick it up unless you have plenty of time to read. I recently noticed that it made the Best Seller list. I might add that not only did Bill donate his time, but he endorsed his travel expenses back to our Scholarship Fund. Thanks, Bill, you are welcome at our gatherings any time and we hope to see you again.

Since we had an author as guest speaker and as we have a few prominent writers among our members, we came up with the idea of having a "round table" discussion or seminar. I would like to take credit for this idea, but I must defer to my friend, author and life member, Mark Berent. As it turned out we had a pretty "high power" panel consisting of Ray Harris, Bill Butterworth, Mark Berent, Jim Morris, Gordon Liddy and Jim Mitchell. Even to those of us with no literary skills or aspirations, listening to these gentlemen discuss some of their concepts and techniques of writing was quite interesting. I'm sure if the University of Las Vegas Literary Dept. had wind of this seminar, we could have sold tickets.

A few items of interest to and about some of our members:

I received a nice card from Lillie Morton. She extends regards to all and advises that plans are in consideration to have a new academic building at Ft. Bragg named in honor of George. There is no doubt that all of us certainly support such an action.

I'm sorry to report that COL. Maggie suffered a stroke recently. Fortunately it did not appear to be serious and she is currently at home recovering nicely with a full time nurse in attendance. Hopefully she will be able to make SOAR XIV.

Clyde Sincere, who can function under all kinds of pressure, failed his stress test recently. Tests revealed that he had blockage, some severe, of some major arteries. He underwent surgery and the blockage was reduced by the "balloon"

method. I'm glad to say he is feeling much better and has slowed his pace down a bit. I mean, how stressful can 30 hour days be, Clyde? As you all know, besides his normal duties, Clyde is pretty much single handedly organizing SF Convention '90.

John Fryer checked in from Marina, CA. He is working out here now. I went up to that area to, among other things, see John, but he went back to Germany to see Anna. Can't say as I blame him for that.

Billy Waugh checked in from Las Vegas where he is now residing. My answering machine talked to his answering machine a couple of times. I hope to get up to see him soon. I understand Caesars Palace heard he was in town and doubled their security.

We have a new Associate member from the Dallas area, Bob Acklen. Bob flew "slicks" for CCC in '68-69 and has on tape some actual infils and exfils. He said he would be happy to share them with anybody interested. Those of you who ran out of CCC during those years may be interested in talking with Bob.

I would like to extend the entire Associations appreciation to Jack Long. Besides giving Mel Hill fits and staunchly supporting the hospitality bar (literally), Jack was so determined to win the Reverse Raffle that he ended up donating over \$2,000.00 to our Scholarship Fund. Seriously, he did this most willingly and we sure thank you, Jack.

Thanks are in order also for several people who helped out with SOAR XIII. Dean Byrne, as always, was helping out behind the bar doing a lot of the heavy work. I wouldn't have minded helping out a couple of those bartenders myself. Gene McCarthy was doing his usual job of offering assistance wherever needed. Tommie and Lisa Ponder manned the reception desk during the General Membership Meeting. Thanks to the Richies for escorting COL. and Mrs. Bank. And, of course, thanks to Scotty Lyon for setting the whole thing up and doing most of the manual labor himself.

Please keep in mind for next year that we always need volunteers to help set up, break down, escort VIP's, etc. AND, if any member desires to serve on the Board or run for any office please let myself or any officer know.

Best wishes to all and if not in Washington or Monterey, see you in Las Vegas in November.

CLIFF NEWMAN
President



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PRESIDENT's MESSAGE Part 2

As your dedicated officers are constantly thinking of ways to keep the SOA running smoothly we decided to send the AAR for SOAR XIII and the Pre-Convention Package for SOAR XIV out at one time. We saved lots of money in printing and postage this way. The fact that we (I) screwed up and failed to get the AAR out in a reasonable amount of time has nothing to do with it, of course.

Since the President's Message, Part 1, was written about 6 months ago a few things have occurred that I'm sure are of interest. First of all, disregard the "dates to keep in mind" as the Special Forces Convention in Washington and the 1st Special Forces Reunion "33" will have been history by the time you get this.

John Fryer not only went to Germany to get Anna, but she made an honest man out of John (no easy task). They got married and are residing in the Salinas/Monterey area. Congratulations John and Anna, I know I can speak for the entire SOA in wishing you all the best.

I only have info on a couple of our Scholarship Recipients who have moved on to bigger and better things. Gena Vecchiarello has graduated and plans on attending graduate school at Columbia University majoring in Special Education. A most worthy undertaking. Alan Shumate graduated 2d in his class from IOBC and after a couple of schools reported in as a Platoon Leader in B Co. 504th, 82 Abn Div. I know a lot of folks got their start in the same place. Along the subject of our Scholarship Fund the Committee in concurrence with the Board decided not to award a Scholarship this year. The reason is simply that by taking on any more recipients at this time along with the awards we are giving out now, we would completely deplete our fund in a very short period of time. By re-structuring our accounts and establishing specific accounts for specific purposes we can now channel appropriate funds for what they were designed for. We'll see how we stand in a years time.

Several people have inquired more into the Australian Reunion. Again, the dates will be 31 July 1992 to ??.

We'll be disseminating information as it comes in. One item of interest - our member, Bob King and his associate,

Mr. John Peel, have been in touch with the CO of the Australian Army Parachute Training School with regards to those of us who may desire to qualify for the "Australian Parachute Brevet" or more simply Aussie Wings. The CO suggested a 2 day "Parachute Indoctrination Course" with a presentation ceremony and barbeque at the completion. (I can imagine what a blow out that will be). They have tentatively allocated 30 slots for us. There are a couple of problem areas. These wings will not be a "gimmie." For those of us who need to I suggest a serious PT program commencing yesterday. Another problem is funding. For active duty personnel there would be no problem. But as most of us are retired (I hate that word) approval must be obtained. The SOA will approach the Australian Embassy regarding this. We may fall under the auspices of the Military Sport Parachute Club however. The CO of the school also runs the club, by the way. We'll provide info on this as time goes on. I remember spending a day jumping with the Sydney SPC while on R & R and had a great time. I think that not only would it be a great honor to legitimately earn Australian Wings but it would be a hell of a lot of fun. I'll work with our Australian Liaison, Clay Scott, on this.

SOAR XIV

As everyone is aware we have tried something a bit different this year in setting up the SOAR. At the meeting last year we formed a Convention Committee and it seems to be paying off. I am confident that we can all expect an outstanding time at SOAR XIV. As you can see, for one, the cost is less than last year. This was caused by 2 reasons. One, the Committee did a thorough job in conjunction with the Board in analyzing the cost of the Convention and, two, for the first time I can recall we actually came out ahead on SOAR XIII. We are not in the business to make money as we are a non-profit corporation, but along the same lines we cannot lose money or we would cease to exist, as came very close to happening in the past. So, if we can operate at a cheaper cost to the members without jeopardizing the corporation (the SOA), we will, of course, do so. The Convention Committee will be responsible for member/guest registration which should simplify things and make registration run smoothly. That way we can account for the exact costing of the SOAR. We will be selling raffle tickets at the door and right up to the raffle on Saturday night. As more and more wives and girl friends (legitimate ones) have been coming, we are going to have a luncheon for them on Saturday afternoon while we are conducting our meeting. Also, by popular demand, there will be a band at the conclusion of the banquet. That is for those who can still stand up and dance. Some of us can't dance drunk or sober. I understand from several sources that the sea food restaurant at the

Palace Station is one of the best in town.

We are going to have two guest speakers again this year. Another first for us is that one of our members will speak for the second time. Major General Jack Singlaub has consented to be our primary speaker at the banquet. The General spoke back at SOAR III (I think) and I'm sure will have some interesting insights to what has been happening in the world as of late. Our other speaker will be Mr. Fred Downs. Mr. Downs will speak at our meeting about a subject that has been in the back of all our minds since we left South East Asia, the MIA/POW issue and where it stands today. Besides being the head of prosthetics for the Veterans Administration Mr. Downs has worked on several governmental agencies and has served as an aide to Gen. Vessey. I'm sure both speakers will be very enlightening.

I hope to see as many members as possible at SOAR XIV this year. It is shaping up to be a good one, as they always are. Again, my apologies for getting the AAR out late, but at least we are giving a little more warning. See you in Las Vegas.

CLIFF NEWMAN
President



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SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

SOAR XIV

31 OCT - 4 NOV 1990

PALACE STATION

LAS VEGAS

<u>DAY/DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wed 31 Oct	All Day	Arrival/Registration	Hosp. Ste
Thu 1 Nov	All Day	Arrival/Registration	Hosp. Ste
Thu 1 Nov	1100-1300	Luncheon (Snacks)	Hosp. Ste
Fri 2 Nov	All Day	Arrival/Registration	TBA
Fri 2 Nov	1100-1300	Luncheon (Snacks)	TBA
Fri 2 Nov	1700-1900	Board of Directors Meeting	TBA
Sat 3 Nov	1000-1300	General Membership Meeting	TBA
Sat 3 Nov	1100-1300	Luncheon for Wives, Girl Friends, Class "B" Dependents, etc.	TBA
Sat 3 Nov	1700-2100	Banquet, Guest Speaker, Raffles, etc.	TBA
Sat 3 Nov	2100-?	Dancing, Drinking, etc.	TBA
Sun 4 Nov	All Day	Departure (Bar will be open until 1200. The Hotel does have an excellent brunch.	

THE HOSPITALITY AND CONVENTION AREAS WILL BE DESIGNATED UPON ARRIVAL.

WE WILL SUPPLY OUR OWN BARTENDERS (THE FEMININE TYPE) DURING THE INITIAL ARRIVAL/REGISTRATION PHASE. I'M SURE SOME OF OUR MORE LECHEROUS MEMBERS IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMITTEE CAN COME UP WITH SOME GOOD ONES.

THE KEY WORD IS "FUN" EVERY ONE WILL HAVE A GOOD TIME.



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MAJ. GEN. JOHN KIRK SINGLAUB, USA (RET)

General John K. ("Jack") Singlaub, USA (Ret) currently serves as National Chairman of the U.S. Council for World Freedom and as Chairman of the Free World Foundation in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition, he serves as a volunteer to numerous freedom fighting causes around the world.

Jack Singlaub was born in Independence, California on 10 July 1921. He is a graduate of Van Nuys High School (1939) and the University of California at Los Angeles, where he was Cadet Colonel of the ROTC. Commissioned as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry on 14 January 1943, he immediately volunteered for parachute duty.

Singlaub, whose 35 year career frequently reflected vanguard military action, first attracted national and international attention in 1977 when serving as Chief of Staff of the U. N. Command in Korea. He publicly took exception to the Carter Administration's order to cut back forces in that strategic part of the world and was thus relieved of that command. He retired from the U. S. Army in 1978.

The General's World War II duties included a parachute mission into France to organize, train and lead a French Resistance unit which provided valuable service to the Allied Invasion Forces. In early 1945, he led Chinese guerrillas against the Japanese on the Indo-China/Chinese border. He also led a highly successful mission which resulted in the rescue of some 400 allied prisoners of war held by the Japanese on Hainan Island.

General Singlaub was assigned Chief of a U. S. Military Liaison Mission to Mukden, Manchuria, from early 1946 until he was forced out by the Chinese Communists in late 1948. He served as the China Desk Officer at the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. from December 1948 until August 1949.

In the following years, he alternated training periods with command positions and teaching assignments at home and abroad. He was involved in the establishment of the Ranger Training Center at Fort Benning, where he was an instructor. In December 1951, he volunteered for service in Korea, where he served as Deputy Chief of CIA mission and later commanded the 2nd Battalion, 15th Infantry, 3d



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Infantry Division.

In May, 1966, he was assigned to Vietnam as Commander of the Joint Unconventional Warfare Task Force known as MACSOG. He remained in the Command until August 1968, when he was assigned to Germany as the Assistant Division Commander of the 8th Infantry Division.

He helped to establish the Modern Army Selected Systems Test, Evaluation and Review activity at Fort Hood, Texas (1969-1971), was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Drug and Alcohol Abuse (1971-1973). In August 1973, General Singlaub was given responsibility for training and combat readiness of the Army Reserve and Army National Guard units in a ten-state area.

On 1 July 1976, General Singlaub was assigned Chief of Staff, United Nations Command, United States Forces, Korea, and the Eighth U. S. Army in Seoul, Korea. Concurrently, he served as the U. N. Command Senior Military Member of the Military Armistice Commission at Panmunjom.

At the direction of President Carter, General Singlaub was reassigned from Korea to Fort McPherson, Georgia, as the Chief of Staff, U. S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), in 1977.

General Singlaub retired from active duty on 1 June 1978.

The General is the recipient of 33 military decorations, including the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster; the Silver Star Medal; the Legion of Merit with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. He has also been honored with awards and citations from numerous Veteran and civilian groups.

FREDERICK DOWNS, JR.
DIRECTOR
PROSTHETIC AND SENSORY AIDS SERVICE
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Frederick Downs, Jr. is the Director of the Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service, Department of Medicine and Surgery, Veterans Administration Central Office, Washington, D.C. He manages a one hundred million dollar nationwide program that provides services to over one million disabled veterans.

Mr. Downs was in the U.S. Army from 1966 through 1969 where he served in the enlisted ranks for one year, and was an Infantry Officer for two years. As a platoon leader in Vietnam with the Third Brigade, Fourth Division, near Chu Lai, he was severely wounded - losing his left arm above the elbow and suffering serious wounds to his right arm, body and legs. He was decorated with the Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V" device for Valor, the Vietnam Gold Cross of Gallantry, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and four Purple Hearts. Mr. Downs was inducted into the OCS (Officer Candidate School) Hall of Fame at the Ft. Benning Infantry School in October, 1985.

Mr. Downs attended Indiana State University (1962-1965) before joining the Army. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration (1970) and Masters of Business Administration (1971) from the University of Denver. While attending college, he met and married Mary Kennedy Boston, a fourth-generation Coloradian. They have two young children, Kate and Abigail.

Since his rehabilitation and discharge in 1969 from Fitzsimmons Army Hospital, his activities and varied interests have included many accomplishments. Fred is a proficient downhill skier, an amateur historian and amateur photographer, a marathon runner, a general aviation pilot of single engine aircraft, a Screen Actors Guild member, movie actor, stuntman and author.

He has been on numerous T.V. and radio shows. He was an actor in the Mickey Spillane movie, "I The Jury," and was a stuntman and actor in the movie, "The Cotton Club," directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Mr. Downs' most noted publications are two best sellers published by W.W. Norton and Company - The Killing Zone, My Life in the Vietnam War, and AfterMath, A Soldier's Return From Vietnam. He presently has two books in progress. He has written articles for the New York Times, Washington Post, and other publications.

Mr. Downs has been on special assignments at the request of the State Department to assist the Mexican Government's Institute for Social Security Rehabilitation Center at Metapac, Mexico.

He is a consultant to the Egyptian Government to review and analyze the Egyptian Army's Artificial Limb Factory, and the Agouza Rehabilitation Center in Cairo, Egypt.

He has worked at the request of the Agency for International Development (AID) to develop a prosthetic program for El Salvador.

He is a member of a three-man team of medical experts sent by Presidential Envoy General John W. Vessey, Jr., to Hanoi, Vietnam in 1987 and 1988 to evaluate their humanitarian concerns. This is in conjunction with the POW/MIA issue.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERSHIP

SUBJECT: SOAR XIII After Action Report

I'm not quite sure, if it was the fact, that it was only a little less eleven months since we last gathered the clan. Or maybe it's the same reason that hotels never have a 13th floor. I've heard and experienced seven and eleven year itches, but I'm not sure that was the reason. There was something was in the air. It might even have been the full-moon. Maybe it's some type of maturity issue. Like, we're all turning a little gray. It must be maturity, God knows, this had to be the first year, that not one discussion, though heated as they may have been, come to blows. This is probably the first year nobody was arrested or even given a warning. Have we really cleaned up our act? Or are we going through some sort of male menopause.

Moaning, griping and bitching, I felt like I was in a nursing home with a bunch of widowedbitties.

In the past we gathered to be together. That's why I come to SOAR. I thought that was the same reason for "you'se guys" (that's New York-ese for "you all"). Sure, that has to be the reason why we came, must be, or could it be, that somebody declared that the SOA was an ethnic group or something. What else would explain, why all the SOA members packed themselves into one suite the first couple of days (I was told we had two suites available). I know they say that ethnic groups tend to stay together, but give me a break. Do you remember back in the fifties and sixties there were these people who kept trying to see how many of themselves they could stuff into a Volkswagen or a phone booth. That's it, someone must have been from the Guinness book of records. Does anybody know if we broke the record?

Well, with all the bitching, moaning and complaining we still had a great reunion.

I arrived on the second of November, zipped through the Airport and caught the first Mini-bus for the Marina (probably the least expensive jitney ride in the Free-world today). Check-in and received a room with a queen size bed, clean sheets, towel and all the soap I could use. Not bad, I thought, for only \$34.00 a night. I stayed in Washington D.C. a few nights previous for over \$150.00 a night.

Dropped off my bags and went over to the Hospitality suite. As usual Scotty out did himself again, The room was well stocked with whatever booze you wanted and it was poured or served by some outstanding young lovely lady. It's amazing how, with that SEAL tongue of his,

he convinces these women to give up their paying jobs and come serve the SOA flock for nothing but tips. They are all attractive, personable and have a nice way of telling guy's to take a hike without making them feel bad.

For the next day or so it was great being social, getting a great hug from Frenchie, talking, drinking, telling truths, drinking, listening to lies, drinking, telling lie's, being told to take numerous hikes, drinking, listening to truths, blowing money on the; crap, roulette, blackjack tables and all those other electronic games of chance.

Thank God, we only have a reunion once a year.

It's great seeing faces you haven't seen in years, even Jack "ICEMAN" Isler showed up after a few years of abstinence (Its amazing he seems to look younger every year you see him, must have something to do with his golf game).

It was friday morning and I was asked to sit in on the Board of Director meeting, because the current secretary was still on his Honeymoon. I arrived with my tape recorder in hand and was politely asked to edit any vulgarity out of the minutes etc.

On the serious side it was impressive to see the time, efforts and major contribution board members had and were continuing to make, to insure the successful continuation of the association. There's a lot of things we take for granted by just being members of the association. The treasurer gave us a briefing to changes in our finances which reflected a great deal of concern and considerations as to various methods to keep association cost down for our mutual benefit and perpetuation. The board goes above and beyond to keep us afloat. I'm sure that's why we elected them. You wouldn't believe the drills they have gone through because of their belief in the association. It was good to see that the association has worked it's way through some rocky times. With all the concern and reorganization there was a strong feeling of security that the association would last.

The board was extremely concerned with what appeared to be some displeasure within the membership about the cost and location of SOAR XIII. After a thorough review and discussion of what it takes to organize and orchestrate a meeting of our size in Las Vegas the Board agree to bring up the subject at the general meeting and attempt to satisfy the majority of the membership.

The meeting was adjourned with almost enough time for the Board to make it down to work the registration table and open up the meeting room officially opening SOAR XIII.

We'll we spent the rest of the day being social, getting a great hugs from Frenchie, talking, drinking, telling truths, drinking, listening to lies, drinking, telling lie's, being told to take numerous hikes, drinking, listening to truths, blowing money on the; crap, roulette, blackjack tables and all those other electronic games of chance. We made some outstanding purchases of SOA memorabilia and T-shirt with such verbiage that I'm not quite sure we can tactfully wear, in our neighborhoods, when we go home.

I made it a point to buy a few books, a least one book, for each author at the symposium. Look - how often to get a chance to get personal autographed copy of a book, so what if author happens to one of us. Who cares if he can write! It looks great on the bookshelf. It adds something to your personnel mystic when your kids who accept you only as Daddy, say to in total disbelief.

"Daddy! you really know these guys?".

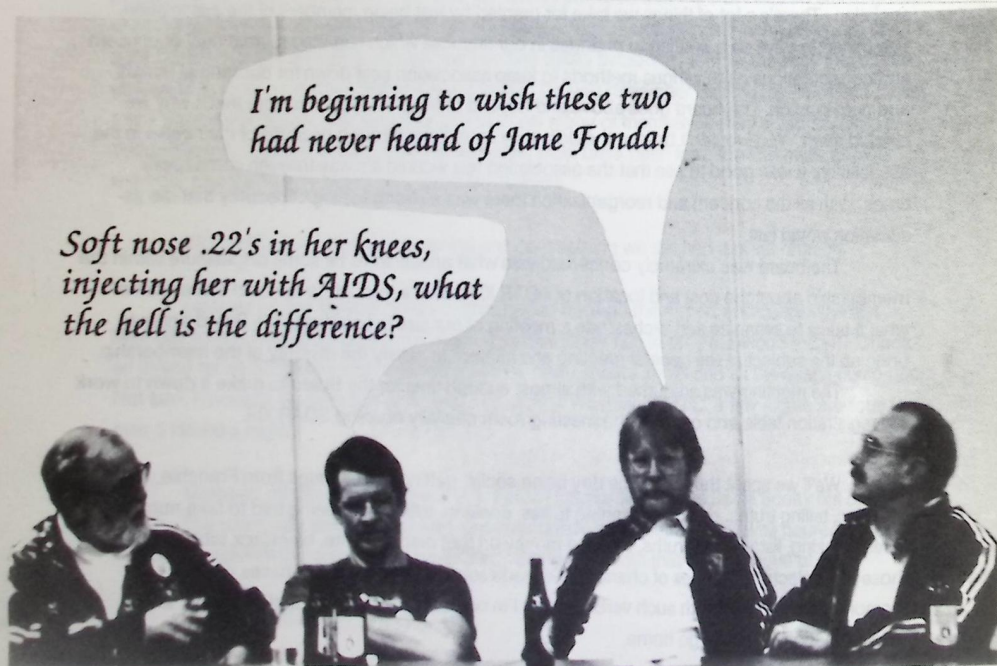
I lucked out for the dinner joining Jack, Sulley and the crew for an outstanding meal at this great Thai restaurant. Many thanks to Clayton Scott and his wife for the recommendation.

Later that evening a had the opportunity to rub elbow's with Bill Butterworth at the Roulette table. It's was amazing, here we bring in a quest speaker and he turns around and win's a more then respectable amount of green at the tables. The association should figure out a way to get a percentage.(It's only fair.)

After thinking we put Bob Masterjoseph to bed, in the wee small hour. I attempted a few hours nap prior to the General Membership meeting.

The general membership meeting is a matter of record as stated in the stated in the minutes.

After the meeting, we grabbed a quick liquid lunch and sat in on the writer symposium. It was interesting, informative and I learned I would never make any money at it, if I attempt it.



Business Meeting. Special Operations Association Literary Societ

After the meeting I secured a few extra books to be autographed, to pay off a few markers (favors) for some friends on the East Coast.

When I asked Jim Mitchell to autograph the second copy of his book for my friend, Jim asked me if he could buy the copy from me. He hadn't a personal copy and he wanted to give it to his wife. I told Jim he could keep the copy but that I would appreciate another with a special inscription for my friend back home. When Jim asked how I liked his book, I told him, that as of yet, I hadn't read the book, but that in the very beginning there was an error as to the location of CCC and CCS, that he had them reversed. Talk about deflating one's sails, boy did I ever blow that one. I tried to gloss over it by stating that everyone is entitled to one error every couple of million words and now that he made this one, he won't have another error million or so words.

When I started to read Jim's book on the way home, I found it extremely difficult to put down, it stirred up emotions within me that I had forgotten about. I really enjoyed Command and Control and want to extend a public apology for being such an arrogant ass.

We had just enough time to change and get ready for what we all come for...The raffles.

I was an invited to sit at there table by Bob Masterjoseph's Mother for some reason she takes pity on me and thinks I'm some positive influence on her son. She should only know the truth.

The buffet dinner was of good quality with a nice variety and more than most of us could finish, including the multiple deserts we all took.



While we where still sipping coffee or some other dubious liqueurs, President Cliff Newman introduced the first guest speaker Bill Butterworth. The only thing I can say about Bill's dissertation was that I found it difficult to digest dinner because I was laughing so hard. Besides being one hell of a roulette player he was an extremely enjoyable speaker.

Next, came a very special speaker. For those of us who have spent time in a number of Special Forces organizations, we will always remember the lineage or heritage wall of photographs. The first or beginning photograph was always of Colonel Aaron Banks, it looked so ancient and impressive. Who was he? We imagined him to be ten feet tall, after all, he is considered the father of



Special Forces. When this small framed 5 foot or so elder gentleman stood on the platform, behind the podium, it was hard to believe that this was the man in the photograph. As his eyes looked out into the group, we knew that he was truly the man and that he was ten feet tall.

He took us through his training and he took us on his OSS mission in France. When he finished speaking we understood why he deserves the honor of being first and we were there to met the legend.



At last it was the time we were all waiting for - The Raffle. I don't know about everybody else but I figured I had a good shot. I had a fair amount of tickets and I was sitting at a table where everyone had won something substantial the previous year. We were in the town where you play the odds, how often does lightning strike in the same place.

well for those who missed it -



It appears that lightning does strike twice in the same place, especially if that place is a lightning rod. There is no justice.

When the dinner meeting was all over we had some more time for being social, getting a great hugs from Frenchie, talking, drinking, telling truths, drinking, listening to lies, drinking, telling lie's, being told to take numerous hikes, drinking, listening to truths, blowing money on the; crap, roulette, blackjack tables and all those other electronic games of chance.

I was able to catch a few winks of shut eye prior to my flight back east. I was told a missed a real good breakfast. Sorry I missed the cleanup.



Well, that wraps it up for SOAR XIII. A don't know of anybody who attended, that had a bad time. There where some gripes and some complaints but nothings perfect.

The religious say then when your perfect the Lords takes you. We'll I guess then I'm glad for our little imperfections, because I'm looking forward to more and other members at SOAR XIV. Its the only place where we can be social, get great hugs from Frenchie, talk, drink, tell truths, drink, listen to lies, drink, tell lie's, told to take numerous hikes, drink, listen to truths, blow money on the; crap, roulette, blackjack tables and all those other electronic games of chance.

See you all during the first week in November 1990.

for SOAR XIV

read it and weep.....

General Raffle

	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donor(s)</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1.	Briefcase	John Gartland	Bob Masterjoseph
2.	Muff (Oxy-Thermo Portable Heat Pack	Jim Monahan Lee Horton Billy Joe Horton	Steve Wilson
3.	One Bottle of Authentic MeKong	Gene Bland	Gene Synder
4.	AlMar Bolo Knife Engraved SOAR XIII	Al Mar	Jan Roush
5.	Brand "X" Version of a Rolex Watch	SOA	Larry Trimble
6.	Official Marine Corp. K-Bar, Engraved SOAR XIII	Buck Swanick	Jetra Scott
7.	Brand "X" Version of a Rolex Watch	SOA	Bob Masterjoseph
8.	AlMar Bolo Knife Engraved SOAR XIII	Al Mar	Mike Duggan
9.	Brand "X" Version of a Gucci Watch	SOA	Greg Rodreques
10.	Gold Paint CCS Plaque	Jim Cipolla	Tobi Thomas
11.	Brand "X" Version of a Rolex Watch	SOA	Dick Conte
12.	Knife	Bernie Bright	Mike Stein

Reverse Raffle

Ithaca Shot Gun	SOA	Jack Long
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Silent Auction

Ruger 38	Gene McCarty
Ruger 38	Moe Blakey



EL PRESIDENTE CLIFF NEWMAN AFTER SOMEONE TOLD HIM, ONLY ONE MORE YEAR.



MASTERJOSEPH, " MOM I WON AGAIN."



PAT HARRIS, BILL BUTTERWORTH, MARK BERENT, CLIFF NEWMAN, G. GORDAN LIDDY, AND JIM MORRIS DISCUSS A NEXT NOVEL TITLED "SEX IN SAIGON"



" REALLY MAM, NO BULL SHIT, I KILLED 100 V.C. WITH ONE BULLIT"

SUBJECT: Minutes of the Annual General Membership Meeting.

1. The annual general membership meeting was convened and called to order by the Association's President at the Marina Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada at 1000 Hours, 05 November 1989. The following officers were present:

(a) Cliff Newman,	President
(b) Jack Abraham,	1st Vice President
(c) Harold Jacobson,	2nd Vice President
(d) George "Moe" Blackey,	Treasurer
(e) Scott Lyon,	Director
(f) Clyde Sincere	Director

106 members were present which constituted a quorum.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

3. The Treasurer discussed the financial condition of the association and explained that a complete and detailed report would be forwarded to each member with the annual report. He also explained that the fiscal year of the Corporation, Special Operations Association, Inc., ends December 31, 1989 and that a formal financial statement compiled by our certified public accountant would be part of the After Action Report.

4. The following items of business were discussed.

a. The President advised that there would a writer symposium at 1400 hours. The symposium would be composed of writers in our midst as well as Bill Butterfield (W.E.B. Griffin) the Author of the Brotherhood of War Series, Mark Behrent, Jim Morris and Jim Mitchell. The symposium would be open to all and that would be writers could ask whatever questions they desired.

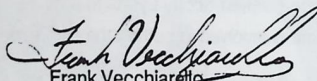
b. The President asked Scotty Lyons to provide an explanation, to the membership, on cost and procedure of what is involved in putting the convention together here in Las Vegas.

c. The President advised that dinner would be at 1800 and to eliminate any free loader we would be using the ticket issued with the convention packets.

d. The Treasurer provided a brief explanation of the "silent raffle" procedure.

5. A discussion ensued regarding the location and cost of the annual reunion. There were a number of individuals who felt that we should look at alternative towns and hotel to see if they could come up with a better deal and provide something for the ladies who come with our group. To resolve the situation the President asked for a motion to set up a separate convention committee to come up with the best deal they possible could for the membership.
6. A motion was made and seconded to set up a convention committee with John Galliger as the chairman. The Committee was charged to provide planning information back to the Board for inclusion in the AA report.
7. There was consensus of the membership, that the reason we come to the Special Operations Association Reunions is to be with the rest of the membership and as long as the cost stay's within reason, we will continue to come.
8. The President made mention of the reunion in 1992 - were we would be joining our friends from the Australian contingent, down under in Australia.
9. The President announced the results of the general election as provided by the tally committee.
10. A discussion ensued as to the term of office for Officers of the Association. It was determined that a one year term was insufficient and two year term would provide better continuity for the association. A motion was made and seconded, to extend the term of office for all Officers effective with the next election in 1990.
11. There being no further business to transact, a nomination made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
12. The General Membership meeting was adjourned at 1200 hours.

Submitted:


Frank Vecchiarelli
Secretary

Enclosure:

Financial Statement



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Board Of Directors and Members of
Special Operations Association

Dear Sirs,

The financial statement dated December 31, 1989 reflects a net income of \$8,902.33. This figure includes \$2,764.00 in Life Memberships, \$5,537.00 in contributions to the scholarship fund and \$1,731.99 in interest income for a total of \$10,032.99. It is therefore not a profit made from the Membership.

All Life Memberships and contributions to the scholarship fund are deposited to restricted accounts. Meaning that money in the scholarship account can only be utilized to fund scholarships and only interest on the Life Membership account can be spent for postage, printing, etc. to Life members since Life members do not pay yearly dues.

Prior to 1988, the Association had one account in which all monies collected (memberships, Life memberships, the raffle and scholarship donations) were deposited. All bills and scholarships were paid out of this account. Therefore, with the increase of Life members, our collection of dues to run the Association was diminishing. In 1988 the Board Of Directors made a decision to insure that the Association would prosper, grow and be able to meet its financial obligations in the future. The Board did this by separating the income of the Association into four accounts. These accounts would be Scholarship, all monies donated or raised for scholarships. Life, all monies paid for Life memberships. Operating, all monies paid to the Association for yearly dues, convention registration, etc. Memorabilia, all monies derived from the sale of memorabilia owned by our Association (all profits after restocking to go to the scholarship account).

In 1989, we were fortunate to have the printer of the pre-registration package misprint it and through the effort of our President, Cliff Newman, we did not have to pay for it. This saved the Association approximately \$1,500.00. The Board also decided to fund \$5,000.00 of scholarships per year instead of \$8,000.00 which would save \$3,000.00 per year and allow the scholarship account to grow instead of being supplemented from the operating account.



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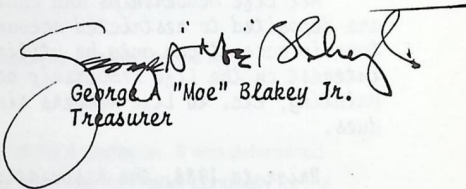


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The Board also decided to discontinue sending mail and Association literature to all members that are one or more years past due, saving about \$1,500.00 in postage plus printing per year.

It is the opinion of the Treasurer of this Association and the Board Of Directors, that the Special Operations Association, if continued on this course, will remain a viable organization far into the future.


George A. "Moe" Blakey Jr.
Treasurer



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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT of REVENUE, EXPENSES and FUND BALANCE
For the Year Ended December 31, 1989

INCOME

Association Dues	\$ 8,250.00	
Life Membership Dues	2,764.00	
Contributions - Scholarship Fund	5,537.00	
Convention Registration and Raffle Proceeds	16,490.00	
Memorabilia Reimbursement	1,543.90	
Interest Income	1,731.99	

Total Income		\$34,316.89

OPERATING EXPENSES

Convention Costs	13,856.85	
Memorabilia Costs	3,200.29	
After Action Report	1,786.04	
Printing	561.04	
Postage	1,006.48	
Mail Box	300.00	
Returned checks and Refunds	496.54	
Bank Service Charges	7.32	

Total Operating Expenses		21,014.56

OPERATING INCOME

		13,302.33

Scholarships Awarded	(4,400.00)	(4,400.00)
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NET INCOME		8,902.33

FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1988	37,733.94

FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1988	\$46,636.27
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See Accountant's Compilation Report.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS
December 31, 1989

ASSETS

CASH

First Interstate	\$ 385.87
Operating Account	9,629.25
Life Membership Account	18,123.92
Scholarship Fund	10,069.54
Memorabilia Account	2,196.03

Total Cash

\$40,404.61

OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Memorabilia Inventory	6,231.66
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Total Other Current Assets

6,231.66

TOTAL ASSETS

\$46,636.27

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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE

Fund Balance - General Operating	18,442.81
Fund Balance - Restricted	28,193.46

Total Fund Balance

46,636.27

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

\$46,636.27

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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25 January 1990

SUBJECT: SOA MEMORABILIA SALES

TO: ALL VENDORS

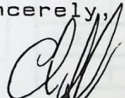
1. The Board of Directors requests that any and all items containing the SOA name or logo be sold at SOA functions or through the SOA mail order service by the elected SOA staff only.

2. As we do not have a patent on our logo yet, this can only be a request. However, any vendor not complying with this request will be denied permission to sell at our functions. The reason for this request is that the SOA is a unique and select organization. All of us take extreme pride in this Association and what we did to warrant membership in this type of organization. The SOA memorabilia items were designed for the exclusive use and wear of SOA members. We feel this request will protect that exclusivity.

3. All vendors are requested to submit applications for sales tables at least 30 days prior to the SOAR for planning purposes. Vendors will be assessed \$75.00 per day payable in advance by cash, money order or cashiers check. We do not desire to discourage individual sales, however, we want to avoid a "flea market" atmosphere as occurs at many of these type functions. The sole purpose of the SOAR is for the members to have fun and to perpetuate the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship fund. Any profits above operating costs for our own memorabilia sales go into the Scholarship fund. We feel that the \$75.00 fee will cover any operating costs plus help the Scholarship program. Vendors are reminded that as we are a tax exempt association any fees donated are tax deductible.

4. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with the above request. Any questions should be directed to myself or any member of the Board.

Sincerely,


CLIFF NEWMAN
President

"You've Never Lived, Until You've Almost Died..."

BREAK CONTACT, CONTINUE MISSION

by Raymond D. Harris

Raymond Harris, a veteran of the U.S. Army Fifth Special Forces Group, conducted long-range reconnaissance missions into Laos and Cambodia for MACV-SOG in 1969-1970. This is his first novel. Other Special Forces veterans consider *Break Contact, Continue Mission* one of the best and most realistic novels ever written on MACV-SOG's clandestine cross-border operations in Vietnam. Here is what they have to say:

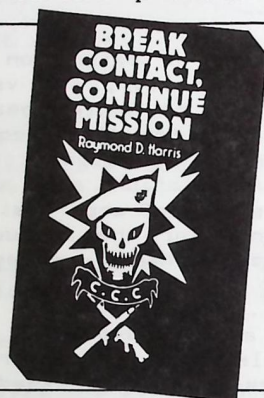
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David A. Maurer
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"No one has told the story of SOG Recon better than Ray Harris."

Jim Morris
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Clayton S. Scott
former president,
Special Operations Association

"A taut, vivid, and very human account of the shadow war fought by MACV-SOG."

One of the best!"
John Coleman
Executive Editor,
Soldier of Fortune Magazine

The men of MACV-SOG. Secretly inserted by Huey helicopters deep into Laos, Cambodia, and North Vietnam, SOG reconnaissance patrols sought the enemy in their own sanctuaries. The eight- to ten-man squads moved silently through the hills and jungles, gathering intelligence, snatching prisoners, and calling in air strikes on the unsuspecting enemy. If the team was discovered, they had to fight their way to the nearest clearing against overwhelming odds, praying that the rescue choppers would arrive instead of orders to "break contact, continue mission." If they were killed, they were officially forgotten by their own government, listed as missing in action — their names buried in a top-secret file in the Pentagon, their bodies left to rot in the jungle. Ted Garner

is the newest member of Recon Team Iowa. From his first day on the MACV-SOG compound south of Kontum, he is thrown into a world of violence, danger, love, and the deep camaraderie that comes with living on the edge of death. Each man on the team depends on the other to survive the mission, where the soul-jarring fear of being alone in hostile territory leaves no room for distrust or doubts about one's bravery and fidelity. With Dodge, Larsen, Reynolds, and his Montagnard teammates, Garner tests the limits of faith and friendship in the intensity of combat, and emerges with a secret about life that is shared by precious few. 5 1/2 x 8 1/2, hardcover, fiction, 368 pp. ISBN 0-87364-547-2 \$22.95

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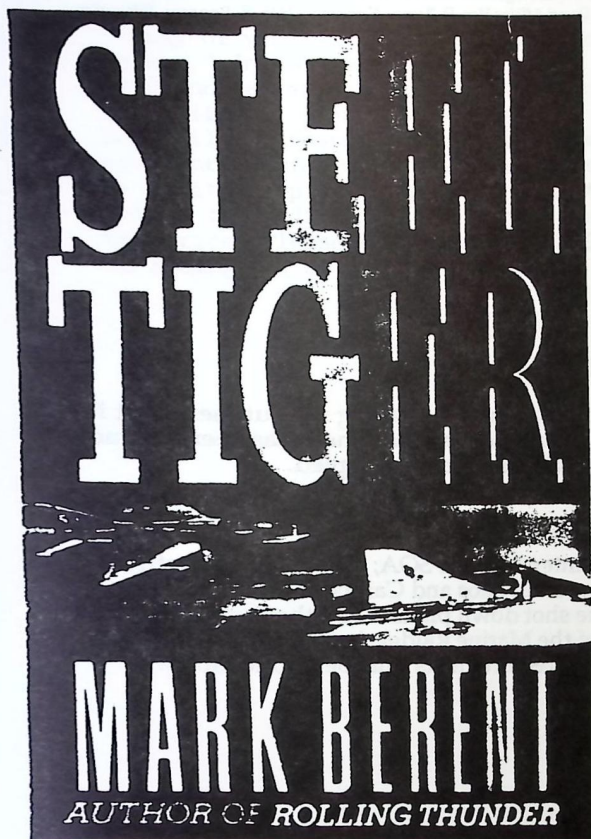
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From the author of *Rolling Thunder* comes a second, even more powerful novel of men at war in Vietnam.

Mark Berent's first book was acclaimed by such readers as Tom Clancy, Dale Brown, Stephen Coonts, Chuck Yeager, and W.E.B. Griffin, who called it "a novel of exceptional authenticity that hits like a thunderclap. I can't wait for his next book." Now, Berent brings Vietnam to the homefront again with *STEEL TIGER*.

It is 1967, and the war has gone beyond the control of those in Washington who thought to manipulate it, and the shifting of power among generals only intensifies the confusion at the front line.

Five months after *Rolling Thunder* left off, we find the men introduced in that book spending their second tour of duty in the very heart of conflict: USAF Major Court Bannister loses his astronaut's slot stateside and teams up with Major "Flak" Apple fighting enemy aircraft in the skies and politics on the ground. . . . General "Whitey" Whisenand organizes special missions to stop traffic down the Ho Chi Minh Trail. . . . Special Forces Colonel Wolf Lochert—thrown into the infamous Long Binh Jail for murder—makes a contact, which puts him on the trail of a smuggling ring, which leads him to a figure high in the American chain of command. . . . Toby Parker pulls himself into shape, only to meet a danger for which he cannot prepare. . . . And in a memorable debut, Berent introduces Vladimir Chernov, a Soviet pilot who may or may not be the real enemy. . . .

Bringing together all the voices of Vietnam with an uncompromising honesty and fervor, *STEEL TIGER* is a spectacular follow-up to what the *Orlando Sentinel* trumpeted as a "bold and electrifying first novel" and the *Washington Times* warned would "leave you covered with goosebumps, wanting to hear more."

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A veteran of three tours in Vietnam, the winner of many medals, including the Silver Star and two Distinguished Flying Crosses, Mark Berent is now a pilot-reporter, and a columnist for the Asian Defense Journal. He lives in Virginia.

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February 20, 1990

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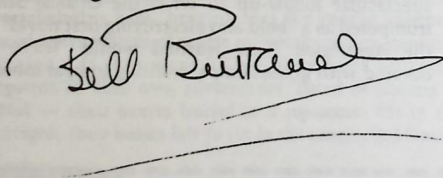
Dear Lee:

I should have written much sooner to thank you all for having me out there, but in addition to my bad manners (with which you are already familiar) there has been sporadic action on the home front (see Press Release) which has kept me occupied.

I had a fine time.

I have two pals who have expressed an interest in the SOA; specifically, whether or not they are eligible. Both are Marines. One served in Laos and Cambodia with a detachment whose mission was to try to rescue shot down pilots. The other was a Marine Raider in War II—and is, in fact, a Director of the Marine Raider Association. If you would be good enough to send me the eligibility requirements (maybe applications?) I would pass them on.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Butterworth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

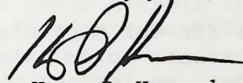
February 12, 1990

Special Operations Association
5130 E. Charleston
Suite 5-583F
Las Vegas, Nevada 89122

Dear SOA members,

Many of you purchased the first printing of the book, "Tales of the Green Berets." In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the USA Airborne and the 33rd anniversary of the 1st Special Forces Group (ABN), I have decided to add 30 additional stories from several SF veterans that you readily identify. The book will go to print this month and will be available in early March. You do not want to miss out on purchasing a copy of this special edition. There will be limited copies and you will definitely have this one for a keepsake. We are making this edition of the highest quality and one that will certainly be worth the price. Please make this news available to all SOA members and I look forward to seeing all at both or one of these important reunions.

Sincerely yours,



Henry P. Hansard



(518) 459-2442

Tri-County Council VIETNAM ERA VETERANS



257 Osborne Road
Albany, NY 12211

1SG Mildred "Noonie" Fortin
Belle Pellegrino
1 Midway Drive
Albany, NY 12205
6 March 1990

Special Operations Association
Clay Scott - Cliff Newman
5130 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite 5-583F
Las Vegas, NV 89122

Dear Mr. Scott or Mr. Newman,

MAJ Roger Pierson, USA (Ret), sent us your name and address and suggested contacting you for assistance. We are co-chairs of the Medals for Maggie committee of the Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, Albany, NY. We happen to be two female Vietnam Era Veterans. Belle is a former Woman Marine and I, (Noonie) am a member of the Army Reserves serving as First Sergeant in my unit.

We began our quest for COL Maggie's recognition nearly two years ago. It has been necessary to do extensive research, primarily since August 89. In November, we learned that Special Forces had been trying for eight years to get her the Medal of Freedom - to no avail.

We decided to use the grass roots - bottom up - method to collect data. Articles were sent to over 450 publications nationwide requesting people to contact us with their stories about COL Maggie. Each letter we receive gets a followup letter explaining what we were doing and why and a petition. We ask them to sign, circulate and return all petitions to us. Special Forces collected approximately 18,000 signatures. We hope to surpass that figure.

We contacted our state DAV, VFW, AL and Veterans Affairs officers for their support and endorsement as well as the Gold Star Mothers and Ex-Pow's. In December we taped a local TV program to kick off our state campaign. We went national in February as a result of a local newspaper article which was picked up by UPI. We have received mail from all over the USA and Germany.

Our next step was to take all our information to the NYS Assembly and Senate. The Senate passed a resolution recognizing her and a resolution is currently in the Assembly. We contacted Congressman Mike McNulty who has taken our story to Washington. We are waiting for feedback from him.

COLONEL MAGGIE

During World War II she toured with the USO. She entertained our troops in North Africa, Europe, the South Pacific, on Navy warships, at Pearl Harbor. She was in her mid-twenties.

From 1965 until 1974, she was our constant companion in Vietnam. She devoted three to six months to our soldiers every year of the war, and spent a total of over two years there, more than the average soldier. Her service was not that rendered by other entertainers. She was the only performer who ventured to the most remote outposts, often to be with only a handful of GIs. She became known as "The Old Lady of the Boondocks", a title she cherished.

She was also known as "The Sweetheart of Vietnam", and her close association with the Special Forces earned her the honorary rank of lieutenant colonel, a tiger suit with Special Forces insignia, a green beret, and their love and respect. Her green beret is now on display at the John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Museum in Fort Bragg.

While in Vietnam, she often found herself in combat situations. In 1968, she was caught in firefight near Tay Ninh from which she was rescued.

The following documented incidents are just samples of what we remember her for:

On another occasion she found herself under mortar attack at a Special Forces camp at Soc Trang in the Mecong Delta, where she pitched in and administered to the wounded. She also assisted at a forward medical aid station at Quang Ngai Province during the 1968 Tet Offensive.

She was hospitalized when she collapsed following a production of "Hello Dolly" performed inside a steaming hot hanger.

At the 1st Medical Battalion at Danang, despite her helicopter being waived off, she jumped out and treated a badly wounded Marine, spent several hours helping other wounded, and then continued her entertainment schedule.

In November 1969, shortly after her arrival at the 71st Evacuation Hospital in Pleiku province, she was asked to speak to a wounded GI. She quickly donned a mask, cap, and gown and entered the O.R. Upon realizing he was a Mexican-American, she began speaking with him in fluent Spanish.

Her efforts did not cease even when she returned to

the United States. While in Vietnam, she collected letters from the troops that she delivered to loved ones at home, and at home she collected letters to be delivered when she returned to Vietnam. In 1969 alone, she hand delivered almost three hundred letters.

General William C. Westmoreland presented her with a citation for her assistance on one occasion for forty eight continuous hours in an operating room. In his book, A Soldier Reports, he called her, "...the grandest trouper of all".

Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Green Beret MSG Roy Benavidez said of her, "...there is no more dedicated a lady."

She first arrived in Vietnam at age forty-nine; she left for the final time at age fifty-six. During these years when she was there for us, often at great personal risk, her efforts never flagged.

She was twice wounded and received two Purple Hearts.

She also has been awarded other well deserved honors such as the Combat Field Medical Badge but has yet to receive from our government recognition commensurate with her contribution to our country. In part, this may be because of her own unselflessness. Throughout her time in Vietnam she refused any attempts to publicize her work. She felt the people back home needed to hear about their loved ones, not her.

Martha Raye is now 74 years young. It's time for "her troops" to tell her story to the country and get her the recognition she deserves in her lifetime.

We believe the only appropriate recognition to be the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Some have said that this medal does not appear to be awarded for this type of contribution no matter how extraordinary. Should this be true, there is no honor that exists commensurate with the contribution Martha Raye has made to this great nation.



Tri-County Council VIETNAM ERA VETERANS



(518) 459-2442

TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

257 Osborne Road
Albany, NY 12211

We request the Presidential Medal of Freedom for Miss Martha Raye for Service above and beyond the call of duty in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam.

As an entertainer, Miss Raye worked tirelessly to maintain the morale of our Troops, often putting herself at risk to do so. She was twice wounded and received two Purple Hearts. During Vietnam she not only entertained our troops but often tended their wounds while on tour there.

Through three wars, Miss Raye's commitment to her country and the men and women in service to it has been courageous and unselfish. We believe the time to honor that contribution is now.

NAME

ADDRESS

Mail petition to: "MEDALS FOR MAGGIE" c/o Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans; 257 Osborne Road; Albany, NY 12211.

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VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

4th County Council



257 Calverton Road
Albany, NY 12211

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Through their efforts, we have a commitment to our country and the men
and women in uniform and their families and their families
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APPENDIX

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2. Address	
3. City	
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10. Position	
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Mail petition to: "MEMORIAL FOR KINGSLEY" c/o 4th County Council, Vietnam Era
Veterans, 257 Calverton Road, Albany, NY 12211