

S O A R

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(1991)



**PRE-REUNION
PACKET**

Special Operations Assn. Reunion SOAR XV

2-6 OCT 91

Union Plaza Hotel
Las Vegas, NV

Room Rate: \$38

Air: 5-40% Off

*** UNION PLAZA IS OUR HOST HOTEL. CALL 800/634-6575 AND
GIVE OUR GROUP TITLE, SOAR XV, WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS.

*** AMERICAN AIRLINE IS OUR HOST AIRLINE. THEY WILL GIVE US
5% OFF OF SPECIAL & 40% OFF OF REGULAR COACH FARES. TO MAKE
YOUR RESERVATIONS, CALL 800/433-1790, & GIVE STAR #S01918E.

**Pre-Reunion Packets
To Be Mailed o/a 1 Jul 91**

ONLY CURRENT MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE THIS PACKET! TO PAY DUES, CONTACT:

RALF M. MILLER, TRES, SOA
7035 HIDDEN HILLS, NORTH, SAN ANTONIO, TX 78244



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

S O A R X V TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 2 OCT 91:

1200 HRS - 'TIL ?

HOSPITALITY ROOM

THURSDAY, 3 OCT 91:

0800 HRS - 'TIL ?

HOSPITALITY ROOM

FRIDAY, 4 OCT 91:

0800 HRS - 'TIL ?

HOSPITALITY ROOM

0900 HRS - 1700 HRS

REUNION REGISTRATION

1200 HRS - 1330 HRS

THAI CUISINE LUNCHEON

1400 HRS - 1630 HRS

GAMING LESSONS OR TOURNAMENTS

1630 HRS - 1830 HRS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

2000 HRS - 'TIL ?

SUPPER/SHOW

SATURDAY, 5 OCT 1991:

0800 HRS - 'TIL ?

HOSPITALITY ROOM

0900 HRS - 'TIL ?

REUNION REGISTRATION

1000 HRS - 1200 HRS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1000 HRS - 1200 HRS

LADIES' TOUR/SHOPPING MALL

1200 HRS - 1330 HRS

LADIES' LUNCHEON

1730 HRS - 1830 HRS

COCKTAILS (NO HOST)

1830 HRS - 1930 HRS

POSTING OF COLORS/BANQUET

1930 HRS - 2015 HRS

GUEST SPEAKER

2015 HRS - 2100 HRS

RAFFLE

2100 HRS - 'TIL ?

RETIREMENT OF COLORS/DANCE

SUNDAY, 6 OCT 1991:

0800 HRS - 'TIL ?

HOSPITALITY ROOM

0800 HRS - 1200 HRS

BRUNCH

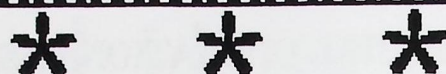
NO LATER THAN 1200 HRS

HOTEL CHECK-OUT/DEPARTURES

MONDAY, 7 OCT 1991:

NO LATER THAN 1200 HRS

HOTEL CHECK-OUT/DEPARTURES



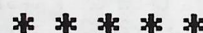
VOLUNTEERS!!



VOLUNTEERS!!



**SOAR XV NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE
WITH REUNION REGISTRATION,
MEMORABILIA SALES, AS VIP
ESCORTS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.**



YOU WILL BE COMPENSATED!



**Please sign up on reunion
registration form.**

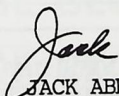
Thank you very much, Jack Abraham

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- I. IF NOT USING THE ROOM RESERVATION REQUEST ENVELOPE, PROVIDED BY THE UNION PLAZA HOTEL AND CONTAINED IN THIS PACKET, YOU MUST CITE "SOAR XV" WHEN MAKING YOUR REQUEST. PHONE: 800/634-6575.
- II. THE HOTEL SPORTS DECK CONTAINS 4 LIGHTED TENNIS COURTS, A 1/4 MILE JOGGING TRACK AND A HEATED SWIMMING POOL. THE TIME OF YEAR AT WHICH WE ARE HOLDING OUR REUNION SHOULD OFFER WEATHER TO ENJOY ALL OF THESE FACILITIES.
- III. IF YOU REQUIRE HANDICAPPED FACILITATED AND/OR NON-SMOKING ROOMS, YOU MUST SPECIFY THAT WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATIONS.
- IV. OUR HOSPITALITY ROOM AND REUNION REGISTRATION WILL BE LOCATED IN THE DERBY TERRACE AND TURF CLUB, 3RD FLOOR OF THE HOTEL.
- V. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO USE AMERICAN AIRLINES FOR YOUR AIR TRANSPORTATION. OUR STAR NUMBER IS "SO1918E". PHONE: 800/433-1790.
- VI. THE BEST WAY TO GET TO AND FROM THE AIRPORT IS BY LIMOUSINE SERVICE ("BELL TRANSPORTATION" IS ONE). THE RATE IS \$4.00 PER PERSON EACH WAY. THERE ARE PICK-UP POINTS IN FRONT OF BOTH THE AIRPORT AND THE HOTEL. CONTACT THE BELL CAPTAIN FOR HOTEL PICK-UP TIMES.
- VII. FOR THOSE DESIRING TO TRAVEL BY TRAIN, OUR HOST HOTEL HAS AN AMTRAK STATION INSIDE THE HOTEL!
- VIII. THE PRICE STRUCTURING OF SOAR XV HAS BEEN DIRECTED TOWARDS THE REUNION "PAYING FOR ITSELF". IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T WISH TO INCUR A LOSS AND HAVE TO TAKE MONEY FROM DEDICATED ACCOUNTS WHICH SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND. THEREFORE, SHOULD WE RECEIVE ANY CHECKS THAT ARE RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS, WE WILL ASSESS A \$20 PENALTY AND PLACE THE ISSUER OF THAT CHECK ON A CASH ONLY BASIS FOR THE FOLLOWING REUNION. YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS POLICY IS APPRECIATED.
- IX. VENDORS WISHING TO OFFER THEIR ITEMS FOR SALE AT SOAR XV ARE ADVISED THAT THE VENDOR FEE HAS BEEN REDUCED TO \$75.00 FOR THE ENTIRE REUNION.
- X. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST: SOAR XV IS GOING TO BE THE BEST EVER!!! WE'RE PLANNING ON THE "FOUNDERS" OF OUR ASSOCIATION BEING PRESENT - AND CERTAINLY HOPE THAT YOU ARE TOO.

I SINCERELY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN LAS VEGAS,


JACK ABRAHAM,
PRESIDENT



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

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MEMORABILIA SALES ITEMS

	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
PATCHES, EMBROIDERED:			
CCN, CCC or CCS, 3 1/4 X 4 1/4"	\$8.00	_____	\$_____
SOA, 5 COLOR, 2 3/4 X 4 1/4"	6.00	_____	_____
ZIPPO LIGHTER, W/SOA CREST	13.50	_____	_____
CAPS, (ONE SIZE FITS ALL):			
SKULL W/ABN WINGS & DAGGER	9.00	_____	_____
SOA PATCH, EMBROIDERED	14.00	_____	_____
MUGS, BLACK/GOLD + SOA CREST:			
COFFEE MUG, (11 OZ)	12.00	_____	_____
BEER MUG, (16 OZ)	15.00	_____	_____
DECALS, SOA CREST, (FOR WINDOWS):			
INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, SPECIFY _____	3.50	_____	_____
MISCELLANEOUS:			
LAPEL PINS, SOA CREST	3.50	_____	_____
TIE TACK, SOA CREST	3.50	_____	_____
SOA COIN (COPPER OR PEWTER) SPECIFY _____	10.00	_____	_____
SOA BELT BUCKLE	10.00	_____	_____
SOA BULLION BLAZER PATCH	25.00	_____	_____
MARBLE PLAQUE, SOA CREST, FRAMED	30.00	_____	_____
CASSETTE TAPE, ADDRESS BY COL LEW			
MILLETT (MOH) SOAR XI, DEC '87	5.00	_____	_____
SOA WINDBREAKER, M - XXL. SIZE _____	22.00	_____	_____
T-SHIRTS, X - XXL			
SOA CREST ON BREAST, BLACK. SIZE _____	12.50	_____	_____
WATCH, SOA LOGO, QUARTZ, LEATHER BAND	35.00	_____	_____

POSTAGE: UNDER \$ 50.00 (\$4.00)			SUBTOTAL \$ _____
UNDER 100.00 (6.00)			POSTAGE _____
OVER 100.00 (8.00)			TOTAL \$ _____

P L E A S E P R I N T ! !

NAME _____ MEMBERSHIP # _____ DATE _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER (BOTH PAYABLE IN US CURRENCY ONLY) 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.

**AT SOAR XV, WE WILL HAVE
AVAILABLE THE PROPOSED
CHANGES TO OUR ASSOCIATION'S
BYLAWS. PLEASE REVIEW THESE
PROPOSALS PRIOR TO THE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING,
DURING WHICH A MOTION FOR
ACCEPTANCE WILL BE MADE.**

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**WE ARE PRESENTLY UPDATING OUR MEMBER-
SHIP ROSTER. THIS WILL HELP TO REDUCE THE
COSTLY EXPENSE OF MAILING INFORMATION TO
NONCURRENT ADDRESSES. IF THIS PACKET
REACHED YOU THRU A FORWARDING ADDRESS
A/O IF YOU DON'T WANT YOUR ADDRESS &
PHONE NUMBER MADE KNOWN OUTSIDE OF OUR
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, REQUEST YOU INFORM
THE SECRETARY ASAP OF CURRENT DATA A/O
OF REQUEST TO WITHHOLD PERSONAL DATA.**

**NOT
ATTENDING
SOAR XV??**

**WE'LL MISS YOU
BUT,**

**YOUR DUES MUST STILL
BE PAID TO
MAINTAIN YOUR
ACTIVE**

MEMBERSHIP STATUS !!!

USE THE REUNION (NOT HOTEL!!) REGISTRATION ENVELOPE CONTAINED
IN THIS PACKET (OR ANOTHER ENVELOPE) AND FORWARD TO:

RALF MILLER, TRES, SOA
7035 HIDDEN HILLS, NORTH
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78244



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EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SCHEDULE AND COSTS

Members and Ladies,

All activities must be confirmed in advance. It is requested that you respond as soon as possible in order that your SOA Reunion Committee can finalize certain requirements (i.e., buses, seats and etc.). AVOID THE RUSH!!! Please be certain to include your remittance for extra events along with your reunion registration check or money order.

NAME (Print)_____MEMBER #_____.

EVENT	COST PER IND	# OF IND		TOTAL
Friday, 4 Oct				
Thai Cuisine Luncheon	\$8.00	X_____	=	\$_____
Gambling Lessons or Tournaments	\$ NO COST	X_____	=	\$ NO COST
Supper/Show				
Steak	\$17.00	X_____	=	\$_____
Capon	14.00	X_____	=	\$_____
Saturday, 5 Oct				
Ladies' Shopping Tour	\$ NO COST	X_____	=	\$ NO COST
Ladies' Luncheon	\$ NO COST	X_____	=	\$ NO COST
Sunday, 6 Oct				
Brunch	\$3.95	X_____	=	\$_____
TOTAL:				\$_____

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!!!

~~~~ YES , I WANT TO VOLUNTEER !!! ~~~~

I WILL ASSIST IN REUNION REGISTRATION\_\_\_\_\_, MEMORABILIA SALES\_\_\_\_\_,  
AS VIP ESCORT\_\_\_\_\_ OR IN OTHER ACTIVITIES AS NEEDED\_\_\_\_\_.

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REUNION REGISTRATION FORM  
SOAR XV

2 - 6 OCTOBER, 1991  
UNION PLAZA HOTEL & CASINO  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_.

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_.

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ . STATE \_\_\_\_\_ . ZIP \_\_\_\_\_.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP #: \_\_\_\_\_.

NUMBER OF GUESTS: \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF ROOMS REQUIRED: \_\_\_\_\_.

DATES ACCOMMODATIONS TO BE RESERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_.

(Note): This packet includes necessary information to be forwarded by  
YOU to the UNION PLAZA HOTEL to make your reservations.

REGISTRATION FEES (INCLUDES BANQUET AND HOSPITALITY SUITE):

a. Member (Reunion + \$25.00 dues for CY '92): \$125.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

b. Wife/Fiancee/Girl Friend/Nurse (ONE ONLY!!) \$100.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

c. Guests of Members: Number of guests \_\_\_\_\_ X \$125.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

d. Life Member: \$100.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

e. Membership dues only (NOT ATTENDING REUNION) \$25.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Banquet: Chicken Kiev \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) a/o Prime Rib \_\_\_\_\_ (Number).

RAFFLE: \*\*\*\*\* THIS ACTIVITY SUPPORTS THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND!!! \*\*\*\*\*

~~~~~ COST OF RAFFLE TICKETS IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE!!! ~~~~~

a. Reverse Raffle (Each, NO limit on tickets): \$10.00. \$_____.

b. Regular Raffle (Each, NO limit on tickets): \$5.00. \$_____.

(Note): On Regular Raffle, you will be able to select the items
for which you desire to compete.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (Total from Extra Events Sheet): \$_____.

TOTAL DUE AND ENCLOSED: \$_____.

Remit your check or money order for the entire amount due, made
payable to the Special Operations Assn. (SOA) and send to:



RALF M. MILLER, TRES, SOA
7035 HIDDEN HILLS, NORTH
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78244



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCEMENT

AFTER ACTION REPORT SOAR XV

Dedicated to the Association Founders



Two of the Founders:
Jim Butler, #001 and Clyde Sincere, #010



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SOAR XV. SOAR XV, held 2-6 October 1991, at the Union Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, was dedicated to our association's founders. It was attended by the largest number of registrants ever and was enjoyed by all. LTC Billy Faistenhamer, our banquet guest speaker, gave an in depth and enlightening presentation on the efforts of the 5th Special Forces Group during the conduct of the Gulf War. A great portion of the credit for the success of the reunion goes to Mike Stern and Bill Shelton. Mike contributed greatly by the pre-positioning of SOAR supplies and the acquisition of storage facilities for post-reunion usage. Bill's pre-reunion coordination with the management of the hotel and the Thai restaurant was the foundation for the reunion's success. The numerous volunteers during the conduct of the reunion and the close-out activities are also to be recognized for their contributions. On behalf of the association, thanks to each of you. The bartenders were interviewed and hand-picked by me - an arduous and thankless task, but nevertheless, one for which I was willing to make the sacrifice.

SOAR XVI. Preparations for SOAR XVI have already begun. Although its early yet, it appears that the room rates will be \$32 per day, registration at \$80 for early registration and some additional free activities, such as a Saturday lunch and bar during the banquet. The pre-reunion packet (PRP), which will be distributed in July, will have detailed information. It will behoove each of us to take advantage of the early registration rates.

SOA LOGO. Clay Scott did what we had been told for years could not be done: he got a copyright on the SOA logo!! Great job, Clay; sincere thanks from each of the membership.

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER. There has been a great deal of time and work devoted towards the compilation of the membership roster (enclosed with this AAR). It is the board's intention to publish a new one annually, with the AAR. It is extremely important that each of us keeps the association informed of any (and all!) changes of address we incur. This will help us keep you informed and assist in minimizing postal expenses wasted on invalid addresses.

AUSTRALIA MINI-REUNION. Unfortunately, the recession combined with pressing business and personal priorities has prohibited the vast majority of our members from being able to participate in the 1992 Australia mini-reunion. Accordingly, plans for the event have been regrettably, but officially, cancelled. However, I would like to thank Australian SOA members Don Palmer and Peter Rothwell for their in-country support in coordinating with hotels and planning the events which we are now forced to cancel. Thank you gentlemen, for your tremendous support and diligent efforts.

SOG HISTORY. Jim Pollock has officially notified the association that he no longer wishes to continue his efforts to compile the history of SOG. Numerous authors, including General Westmoreland in "A Soldier Reports", have openly described the purpose and functions of the MACV Studies and Observation Group. Navy cryptographer Charles Reske has written an extremely detailed "MACV-SOG Command History: 1971 & 1972", with the histories of 1964 through 1966 due to be published later this year. SOA members Ian Sutherland in "Special Forces of the US Army" and Shelby Stanton in the "Order of Battle, Vietnam" and "The Green Berets at War" have also described the missions and organizations of SOG. As well, a host of semi-autobiographical "fiction" has been published concerning countless exploits of derring-do by SOG personnel engaged in cross-border activities. Unfortunately, none of these publications has accurately combined the technical history of SOG with the first-hand narrative exploits and true accomplishments of special operations personnel operating in SE Asia. In order to capture these invaluable accounts before they are lost to time and memory, the association has commissioned author Bill Craig ("Fall of Japan" and "Enemy At the Gates: The Battle For Stalingrad") to compile this history (see letter, later in this AAR). Should Bill contact any member of the association in his efforts to gather data, you are encouraged to provide him your total support, bearing in mind that his work is fully endorsed by the SOA.

ITHACA SHOTGUN. For each of the past several years that the Ithaca shotgun has been the key attraction for the reverse raffle, the association has purchased the shotgun back from the winner. The gun has then been kept in either a member's home or a storage facility until the next year. This has been a maintenance, storage and security problem of no little magnitude. Therefore, during SOAR XVI, the shotgun will be raffled for the last time, with the winner getting to keep it. To insure that this information receives the widest dissemination possible, it will be repeated in a Spring newsletter and the PRP. The PRP will also contain information on how to purchase reverse raffle tickets. (The winner need not be present to win.) In lieu of the shotgun at future reunions, we will raffle items such as knives, cameras, VCRs and airline tickets.

MARTHA RAYE. Currently, there is a resolution before the US House of Representatives (HCR 100) that needs the support of each and every one of us. That resolution proposes the Medal of Freedom for our Colonel Maggie. It is long overdue and should be awarded without further delay. It is requested that each of you contact your US Representative and strongly voice endorsement for the resolution.

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF SOARS. There are many of us who have photographs taken over the years at previous reunions. As time goes by, we sometimes forget some of the subjects' names

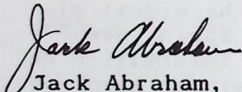
or even perhaps the importance we once placed on the pictures begins to wane. Before either of these conditions exist, I would like to ask those of you who have pictures, and will consent to turning them over to the association, to bring them to SOAR XVI. It would also be appreciated if you could name the persons in the photographs and note at which SOAR (year) the pictures were taken. The photographs will then be placed in albums, by year, and brought to subsequent reunions for viewing.

MEMORABILIA SALES. During 1991, memorabilia sales, through its mail order and reunion efforts was able to contribute \$7,000 to the association's scholarship fund. We would like to thank you, the purchasers, and the volunteers who manned the sales tables at the reunion for this achievement.

ELECTIONS. This year, the association will hold elections for the 1993-94 board of directors' terms of office. Nominations will be solicited for all positions. If any of the membership desires to serve the association (and remember, its YOUR association), please make those wishes known to any of the current board of directors. In addition to the positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and the three directors, members may also contribute to the association by volunteering to serve on any of the many committees (i.e., scholarship, membership, nominating, tally, memorabilia sales and reunion).

Well, that about sums it up. In closing, I would like to encourage each of you to continue to support your association and its board of directors. My very best wishes to each of you for a prosperous and healthy new year. I look forward to seeing each of you at SOAR XVI.

Warm regards,


Jack Abraham,
President

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT of REVENUE, EXPENSES and FUND BALANCE
For the Year Ended December 31, 1991

INCOME

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Association Dues | \$ 8,491.40 | |
| Life Membership Dues | 6,130.00 | |
| Contributions - Scholarship Fund | 8,350.00 | |
| Convention Registration and
Raffle Proceeds | 16,491.07 | |
| Memorabilia Reimbursement | 10,045.61 | |
| Interest Income | 2,954.69 | |
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| Total Income | | \$52,462.77 |

OPERATING EXPENSES

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|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Convention Costs | 12,398.48 | |
| Memorabilia Costs | 4,746.16 | |
| After Action Report | 3,756.94 | |
| Postage | 4,202.75 | |
| Legal & Professional | 525.00 | |
| Bank Service Charges | 80.08 | |
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| Total Operating Expenses | | 25,709.41 |

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| OPERATING INCOME | | 26,753.36 |
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| Scholarships Awarded | (3,300.00) | (3,300.00) |
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| NET INCOME | | 23,453.36 |
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| FUND BALANCE - JANUARY 1, 1991 | | 59,614.43 |
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| FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31, 1991 | | \$83,067.79 |
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See Accountant's Compilation Report.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION, INC.
STATEMENT of ASSETS and LIABILITIES - CASH BASIS
December 31, 1991

ASSETS

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| CASH | | |
| Operating Account | 7,497.79 | |
| Life Membership Account | 3,454.13 | |
| Scholarship Fund | 5,260.48 | |
| Memorabilia Account | 3,022.21 | |
| Convention Account | 3,289.63 | |
| Certificates of Deposit | 55,000.00 | |
| | ----- | |
| Total Cash | | \$77,524.24 |
| OTHER CURRENT ASSETS | | |
| Memorabilia Inventory | 5,543.55 | |
| | ----- | |
| Total Other Current Assets | | 5,543.55 |
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| TOTAL ASSETS | | \$83,067.79 |
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

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| FUND BALANCE | | |
| Fund Balance - General Operating | 19,353.18 | |
| Fund Balance - Restricted | 63,714.61 | |
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| Total Fund Balance | | 83,067.79 |
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| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE | | \$83,067.79 |
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See Accountant's Compilation Report.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

5 October 1991

I. The Special Operations Association General Membership Meeting was called to order at 1000 hours, Saturday, the 5th of October 1991 at the Union Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada by SOA President, Jack Abraham.

II. Mr. Jerry Ginder led the General Membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Mr. Jack Abraham requested the membership remain standing and undergo a moment of silence for our fallen and absent comrades.

IV. Roll Call:

A. Mr. Abraham indicated that in accordance with the SOA Constitution and By-laws, that for the purpose of this meeting, the membership present constituted a quorum for any business requirements.

B. The following named Officers and Board of Directors were present:

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| President: | Jack Abraham |
| Vice-President: | George "Moe" Blakey |
| Treasurer & Chairman of the Scholarship Committee: | Ralf M. Miller |
| Director & Chairman of the Membership Committee: | Clayton Scott |
| Director: | Cliff Newman |
| Director: | Ray Whittington |
| Director: | Clyde J. Sincere, Jr. |

C. The following named Special Staff Members were present:

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| Co-Chairman, 1991 Annual Hospitality and Entertainment Committee: | William Shelton |
| Chairman, 1993-'94 Nominating Committee: | Adam Husar |
| Historian: | James E. Butler |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Jerrald Ginder |
| Sergeant-At-Arms: | Dan "Rock" Myers |

D. The following named Officer and Special Staff Members were absent:

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| Secretary: | Ray Harris |
| Chairman, 1993-'94 Tally Committee: | Tommie L. Ponder |
| Co-Chairman, 1991 Annual Hospitality and Entertainment Committee: | Mike Stern |

V. Business Meeting:

A. Old Business:

1. Minutes of the 3d of November 1990:

Jack Abraham

The minutes of the 3d of November meeting were included in the AAR for SOAR XIV. All members had been provided a copy by mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as provided. Motion approved unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Ralf M. Miller

Mr. Miller reported to the general membership on the current financial status of the SOA and stated that a detailed report would be provided to each member with the AAR for SOAR XV. Included with the report would be a formal SOA financial statement compiled by the SOA hired Certified Public Accounting firm. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as reported. Motion approved unanimously.

3. George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund Report: Ralf M. Miller

Mr. Miller reported to the general membership on the current financial status of the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund and stated that effective with Calendar Year 1992 the SOA would provide a minimum of two (2) scholarships to worthy and eligible applicants. Interested applicants should request an application form from Mr. Miller as soon as possible in order to meet the requisite schedule for processing. Included in the SOAR XV AAR will be the chronological processing schedule for the edification of all members and prospective applicants. A motion was made and seconded that the Scholarship Fund report be accepted as reported. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Memorabilia Sales Report:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham reported to the general membership on the current status to include finances relating to SOA Memorabilia sales. He also commented on the success Bill O'Rourke had accomplished in operating the 1991 memorabilia sales booth. Sales for 1991 had in one (1) day surpassed total sales during the 1990 SOAR. No motion required.

5. Membership Committee Report:

Clayton Scott

Mr. Scott reported to the general membership on the current status of the SOA as it related to "Life", "General", "Associate" and "Honorary" members. As of 4 October 1991, the Association had 954 members: 245 "Life", (35 Honorary), 495 "General", 113 "Associate" and 101 Inactive; 23 members are deceased. Additionally, the membership committee continues to coordinate with the following organizations concerning applications determined to contain false or misleading information:

- a. Special Forces Association.
- b. Force Recon Association.
- c. Fraternal Order of UDT/SEAL Association.
- d. Air Commando Association.
- e. Australian/New Zealand SAS Associations.
- f. 5th Special Forces Group, (Airborne), 1st Special Forces - (5th

SFG(A) is being contacted to verify applications received as a result of "Desert Storm".)

Also, the General Membership, as a result of a motion made and seconded, voted to withdraw the "Honorary Membership" (#148) awarded to Anne Mills Griffiths of the National League of Families. Mr. Scott will prepare a letter for the signature of Mr. Jack Abraham, President, SOA informing Ms. Griffiths of the decision of the SOA membership.

6. Australian/American Reunion Report:

Clayton Scott

Mr. Scott reported to the general membership on the status of an Australian/American Reunion to be held in Australia during the period 2-8 November 1992. Mr. Scott stated that in order to determine the feasibility of the SOA accepting the Australian/New Zealand invitation as an Association, members really desiring on attending would be required to provide a \$500.00 non-refundable accommodations/registration deposit to the SOA Treasurer NLT 15 December 1991. If, upon tallying the number of deposits received, it reflected an insufficient response from the membership, the deposits will be returned during the first week of January 1992, and the members desiring to participate in the "Reunion" may do so on an individual basis. Mr. Scott will prepare a "flyer" to be dispatched to all SOA members during the early part of November 1991 reflecting the above information in order that members may decide whether or not to participate as a group or on an individual basis. Individual members will be responsible for their own transportation to and from Australia. Mr. Scott will insure the "flyer" reflects sufficient information as to location and accommodations available to assist the membership in determining their desires. No motion required.

7. SOA Incorporation Report:

George "Moe" Blakey

Mr. Blakey reported to the general membership on the reincorporation of the SOA from the State of California to the State of Texas. The SOA has been incorporated in the State of Texas as of 25 September 1991. A copy of the Incorporation will be made a part of the SOAR XV AAR for the edification of the membership. No motion required.

B. New Business:

1. SOA Roster:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham briefed the general membership on the efforts of the SOA Officers and Board of Directors to produce an up-to-date roster for the private edification of the general membership. It is the intention of the Board to publish the roster, but, any individual member desiring to omit his address and phone number from the roster should notify the SOA Secretary NLT 15 December 1991, in writing. No motion required.

2. SOA Constitution and By-Laws:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham briefed the general membership on the efforts of Mr. Clay Scott in updating the current SOA Constitution and By-Laws. Copies of the "draft" revised SOA Constitution and By-Laws were made available for the general memberships purview prior to the general membership meeting. A discussion ensued over "wording" relating to the Officers and Board of Directors duties and responsibilities. In the opinion of some members present, a relook at the "wording" should be undertaken prior to finalization. The membership was assured that this would be accomplished prior to final production and requested a motion from the floor. A motion was made and seconded to accept the updated/revised SOA Constitution and By-Laws subject to the "wording" relook.

3. 1993-'94 Candidates for SOA Officers and Board
of Officers:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham briefed the general membership on the requirement to select a new board of officers and directors to serve the SOA during the 1993-'94 Calendar years. He introduced the SOA Nominating Committee Chief, Adam Husar and requested interested individuals desiring to provide leadership and direction for the SOA to step forward and submit their names to Adam Husar. In the event there is a paucity of interest, Mr. Husar will "take charge" and in concert with his committee and the current board of officers, solicit members to "run" for the various positions. No motion required.

4. SOAR XVI:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham reported to the general membership that the SOA would conduct a SOAR during the period 30 September thru 03 October 1992, at the Union Plaza Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. Chapter LI, SFA (Mr. Al Friend) stated that their SFA Chapter would be willing to assist in those areas requested due to the fact Chapter LI was located in Las Vegas. SOAR XVI will take place whether or not the planned Australian/American reunion occurs. It was believed that the majority of SOA members would not be able to participate in the Australian venture and all indications from the membership reflected the desire that SOAR XVI take place. In view of this fact, Mr. Abraham stated he would initiate negotiations with the Union Plaza management to support SOAR XVI. Additionally, Mr. Abraham reiterated his request that individuals living in and around the Las Vegas area get in touch with him and state their area of support offered to insure the success of SOAR XVI. No motion required.

5. POW/MIA Briefing:

Norm Doney

Mr. Doney reported to the general membership on the current efforts of the U.S. Government to reconcile the POW/MIA issue that has been "lingering" on and on since the end of the Vietnamese conflict in 1975. Mr. Doney is requesting that all members take an active interest in this important issue and take steps to become informed citizens as it relates to the entire POW/MIA issue. He stated that a phone call to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee (202) 224-3944 with a request that a copy of the Helms-Grassley Report on POW/MIA's be provided. The only cost would be the cost of the phone call. Additionally, he stated that the latest and most enlightening publication on missing U.S. service personnel in Southeast Asia is entitled, "The Bamboo Cage", its author, Nigel Cawthorne completed a three (3) year research in the U.S.A., Australia and Southeast Asia including Hanoi in order to publish this book. For those that desire to purchase this publication, Norm recommends you place a call to the U.K. (011-44-226-734-555) and be prepared to provide your Credit Card number. He stated that he called on a Thursday and by Tuesday he had four (4) copies in hand. Roughly \$45.00 per book U.S. Also, an individual can receive a copy of the U.S. Government's position on the POW/MIA issue by writing to your Senator and request he provide you a copy of the U.S. Department of Defense 1991 "POW/MIA Fact Book". Norm also briefed the members present on the latest info/controversy surrounding the circumstances of USASF Captain Donald "Butch" Carr, MIA in LAOS after a flight in a OV-10 Bronco on 6 July 1971. Members interested in learning more about "Butch" Carr are encouraged to obtain a copy of the September 1991 issue of BRAVO, Veterans Outlook and read the issue on the "The Lonesome Story of Butch Carr, An American", by Norman M. Turner, Lt.Col., USAR Retired. Mr. Doney also answered a number of questions proffered by the members relating to the POW/MIA issue

to which he spends almost all of his waking moments working on in an attempt to reconcile this issue once and for all. Our thanks to Norm Doney for all of his efforts on this very emotional issue. No motion required.

6. Raffle, Regular:

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

Mr. Sincere conducted a raffle of approximately 50% of the items that had been donated by individuals for the purpose of increasing the funds available to support the SOA Scholarship fund. The remaining donated items would be raffled off at the Annual banquet on the evening of 5 October. A listing of items donated and the individual winning the item will be made a part of the SOAR XV AAR. No motion required.

7. Honors:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham congratulated members, Harry "The Hat" Munck and Bob Masterjoseph on their birthdays. Additionally, he thanked "Frenchy" Amundson for her donation of \$500.00 toward the SOA Scholarship fund. Also, to Bob "USMC" Burton and "Buck" Swannack for their donation of \$50.00 to the fund. That's \$49.00 from Buck and \$1.00 from Bob....No motion required.

VI. Adjournment.

Mr. Jack Abraham adjourned the 1991 General Membership Meeting with the announcement that the next General Membership Meeting would take place during SOAR XVI.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

CLYDE J. SINCERE, JR.
Member, Board of Directors
Acting Secretary

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RAFFLE AND DOOR PRIZES

| <u>RAFFLE ITEM</u> | <u>DONOR</u> | <u>WINNER</u> |
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| Leather Engraved Clock | Veterans About Face | Norm Doney |
| The Colonels | Bill Butterworth | Moe Blakey |
| The Colonels | Bill Butterworth | Saul Arrendondo |
| The Aviators | Bill Butterworth | Roger Cherry |
| The Aviators | Bill Butterworth | Saul Arrendondo |
| Counterattack | Bill Butterworth | Ray Chambers |
| Counterattack | Bill Butterworth | Ray Whittington |
| The Doom Pussy II | Elaine Shepard | Bob Weller |
| The Doom Pussy II | Elaine Shepard | Clay Scott |
| Hazardous Duty | Jack Singlaub | Roger Cherry * |
| The League of Night and Fog | David Morrell | Clyde Sincere |
| The Fifth Profession | David Morrell | Bill Stojack |
| Fraternity of the Stone | David Morrell | Cliff Newman |
| The Green Beret Magazines | Steve Sherman | "Rock" Myers |
| SOA Marble Plaque | SOA | Bill Stojack |
| Nolan Knife (Custom Made) | Paul Brubaker | Ray Dawson |
| Operation "Desert Storm"
Bayonet | Alex Jongbloed | John Mullins |
| AL MAR "Elite" Knife | Al Mar | Pat Barrett |
| AL MAR SERE II Border Patrol
Knife | Al Mar | David Morrell ** |
| AL MAR SERE V-B Knife | Al Mar | David Morrell |
| AL MAR Gameskeeper Knife | Al Mar | Don Green |
| AL MAR Shadow I Knife | Al Mar | John Garrison |
| AL MAR EXEC-O-LITE Lighter
with Knife | Al Mar | Pat Mahoney |

* Roger Cherry presented his winning book - Hazardous Duty to Frenchy Amundson.

** David Morrell donated his winning AL MAR knife back to the SOA for SOAR XVI's raffle.

THANK YOU DONORS. THANK YOU BOTH. THANK EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED.

RAFFLE ITEMS CONTINUED

MAC-V-SOG Command History, Annex "B"

John Gilman Knife (Custom Made)

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Jason Ginder

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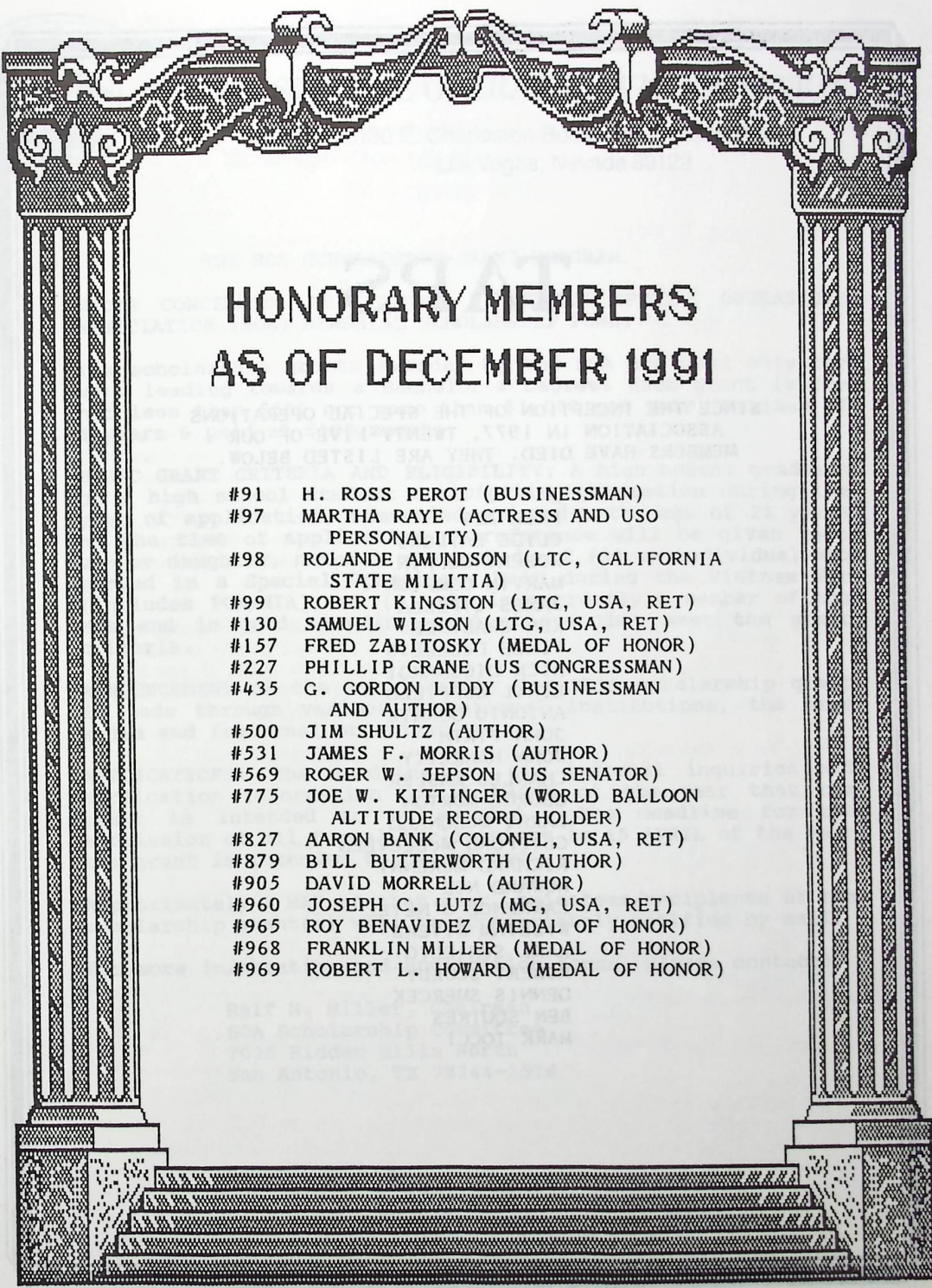
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October 3, 1991

Dear SOA Members:

Historian William Craig is writing a book on Vietnam and needs your help in gathering the vast amount of background research.

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We urge you to contact the author and offer your stories. Any diaries, letters and photos from that time period will also add greatly to his attempt to document the human aspects of the drama. Also, if you know of people outside SOA whose experiences would be worth documenting, he would be grateful for their addresses and phone numbers.

We appreciate your cooperation in this most worthwhile project.

Kindest regards,

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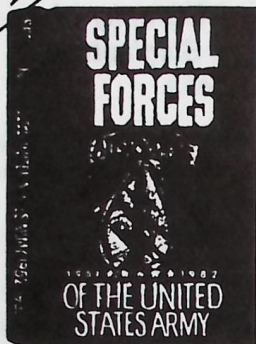
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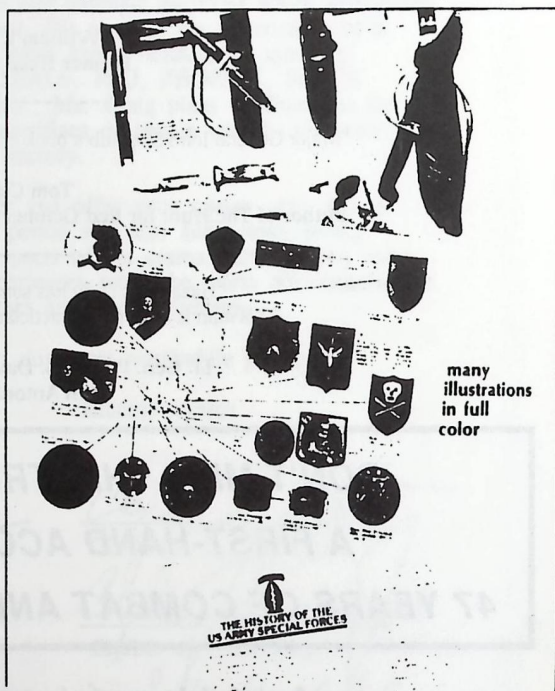


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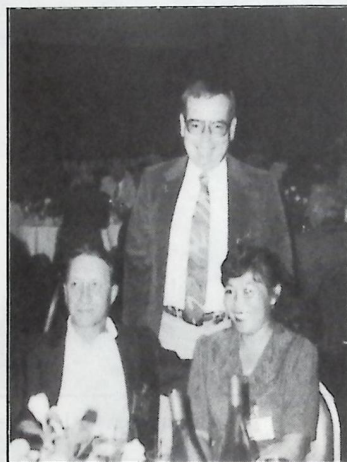


The Faistenhamers, Lou, Billy and Mamie

Right: John McClasky,
Carolyn Larabee and Tanya
and Gerry Ginder.



Below: John Mullins,
Skip Ettinger,
Don Benjamin and Dean Byrne.



Above: Wes Kouns and
Skip "Pocahontas" Ettinger.
Pocahontas was nurse at CCC.



Left: Bill Craig, Adam Husar,
Ross Bailey and Avio Feola.

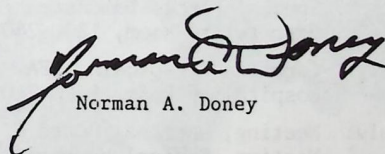
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Sept. 30, 1991

Subject: POW-MIA Report

To become an informed citizen on the POW-MIA issue, do four things:

1. Read the book "Kiss the Boys Goodbye", authors Monika Jensen-Stevenson and William Stevenson. It is now out in paperback.
2. Make a phone call to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee at (202) 224-3944 and ask to be sent the Helms-Grassley Report on POW-MIA's. The only cost is your phone call.
3. The latest and most enlightening book published on missing U.S. service personnel in Southeast Asia is titled "The Bamboo Cage". The author, Nigel Cawthorne, did three years of research in America, Australia and Southeast Asia, including Hanoi. This book was published and sold in England by Leo Cooper, Pen and Sword Books Limited. Phone # 011-44-226-734-555. One source in the U.S. is "Homecoming II", 5154 Piedmont Place, Annadale, VA, 22003. Cost, to include shipping and handling is \$38.00.
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Norman A. Doney

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- 1 July: Late Arrivals, Hotel and Convention Registration
Golf Tournament, Pope Air Force Base Golf Course, Time and Cost TBA.
Hospitality Room 1400-1800 Hosted by Chapter I-XVIII
Reception, Grande Ballroom, Howard Johnson Hotel, 1900-2400
- 2 July: Memorial Service at JFK Plaza, 0930
Tour of new SOCOM facilities, 1000-1200
Lunch, 1200-1300, pay as you go in troop dining facility
Special Forces Demonstration, 1300-1500
Hospitality Room, 1800-2400
- 3 July: Carolina Pig-pickin, SFA Memorial Grounds 1300-1700
Hospitality Room, 1800-2400
- 4 July: Meeting, National Board of Officers and Chapter Presidents 0900-1030
Meeting, General Membership 1030-1200
Hospitality Room, 1200-1800
Banquet, 1900-0100
(Cocktail Hour: 1900-2000)*
(Dinner, 2000-2100)
(Dancing, 2100-0100)
- * Bar at Banquet is pay as you go, all other hospitality room functions are free to registrars.



Left: Ray Whittington,
Jimmie Dean and Mike Burns.

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Cecilia Crippens and
Penny Desanto.



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and Don Benjamin.



Right: Ralf Miller,
Clyde Sincere
and Clay Scott,
"The Registration Troika".



Right: Don Palmer.



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October 14, 1991

Mr. Al Mar
Al Mar knives
5755 SW Jean Road
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Dear Al,

We sincerely regret that you were unable to be present at the fifteenth anniversary of the Special Operations Association. Ann explained the conflict of your schedule and we understand why you couldn't attend.

I had intended to present the enclosed plaque to you at our banquet. Would you please accept it now as a small, but genuine, jester of gratitude from the association for your continued and most generous support of our scholarship fund?

The knives you donated were eloquent and admired by all. Thank you very much!

Our reunion this year was marked by the largest attendance we have ever had and plans are presently underway to insure that SOAR XVI is equally as successful. The 1992 reunion will be held at the Union Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas from 30 Sep to 4 Oct. We genuinely hope that you can attend. We, of course, would be honored to have you as our guest, with the association taking care of your transportation and hotel expenses. Please mark the date on your calendar! I shall provide you with additional information later.

Again, Al, many many thanks.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



AL MAR KNIVES

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October 23, 1991

Jack Abraham
SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION
5130 E. Charleston Blvd., Suite 5-583F
Las Vegas, NV 89122

Dear Jack,

Thank you very much for the plaque it's deeply appreciated. I know it's an old cliché, but, "you really didn't have to"!

I'm glad that the reunion went well and that so many were able to attend. The dates for next year look good, hopefully there will be no conflict in my schedule as I would like very much to attend.

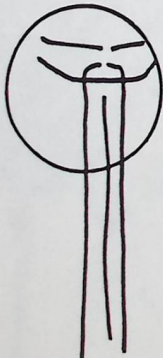
Again, thank you for the plaque!

Take care,

AL MAR KNIVES

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Moe and Tommie Blakey and Ron Schrumpf.



Guest Speaker, Billy Faistenhamer, receiving plaque from Jack Abraham.



Jim Monaghan and Rock Myers.



Ralf and Sue Miller.

Right: Bill Stujack
and Ron Schrumpf.



Below: Jim Muir, Dick Sommers
and Thys Bui.



Above: Jo Thompson
and Clay Scott.



Left: Pat Barrett, Billy Faistenhamer
and Pat Mahoney.

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

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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".

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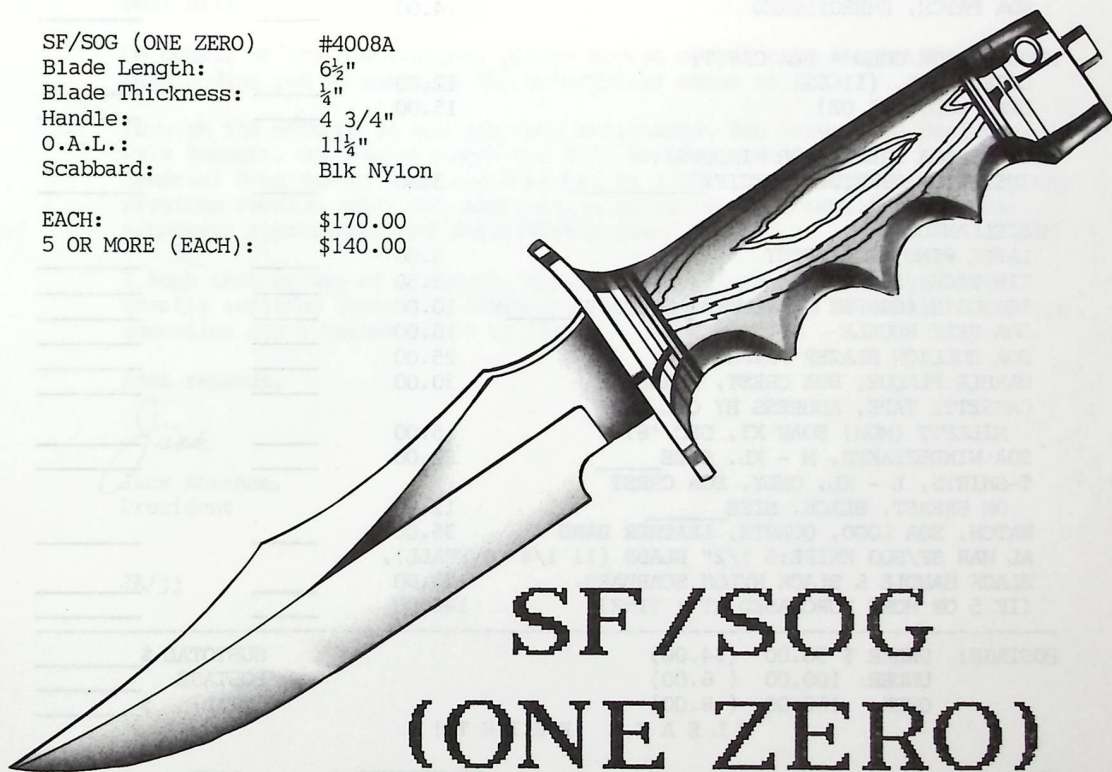
numerical designation assigned recon team leaders the One-Zero is dedicated to the memory of those men who carried this blade into combat. AMK's commitment to form and function have brought about improvements in both the knife's cosmetic as well as practical aspects without compromising the heritage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

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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

SF/SOG (ONE ZERO) #4008A
Blade Length: 6½"
Blade Thickness: ¼"
Handle: 4 ¾"
O.A.L.: 11½"
Scabbard: Blk Nylon

EACH: \$170.00
5 OR MORE (EACH): \$140.00



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MEMORABILIA SALES ITEMS

| | PRICE | QTY. | TOTAL |
|--|--------|-------|----------|
| PATCHES, EMBROIDERED: | | | |
| CCN, CCC or CCS, 3 1/4 X 4 1/4" | \$8.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| SOA, 5 COLOR, 2 3/4 X 4 1/4" | 6.00 | _____ | _____ |
| SOA CANVAS 10 x 18" GYM BAG | 10 00 | _____ | _____ |
| CAPS, (ONE SIZE FITS ALL): | | | |
| SKULL W/ABN WINGS & DAGGER | 9.00 | _____ | _____ |
| SOA PATCH, EMBROIDERED | 14.00 | _____ | _____ |
| MUGS, BLACK/GOLD + SOA CREST: | | | |
| COFFEE MUG, (11 OZ) | 12.00 | _____ | _____ |
| BEER MUG, (16 OZ) | 15.00 | _____ | _____ |
| DECALS, SOA CREST, (FOR WINDOWS): | | | |
| INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, SPECIFY _____ | 3.50 | _____ | _____ |
| MISCELLANEOUS: | | | |
| LAPEL PINS, SOA CREST | 3.50 | _____ | _____ |
| TIE TACK, SOA CREST | 3.50 | _____ | _____ |
| SOA COIN (COPPER OR PEWTER) SPECIFY _____ | 10.00 | _____ | _____ |
| SOA BELT BUCKLE | 10.00 | _____ | _____ |
| SOA BULLION BLAZER PATCH | 25.00 | _____ | _____ |
| MARBLE PLAQUE, SOA CREST, FRAMED | 30.00 | _____ | _____ |
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MILLETT (MOH) SOAR XI, DEC '87 | 5.00 | _____ | _____ |
| SOA WINDBREAKER, M - XL. SIZE _____ | 22.00 | _____ | _____ |
| T-SHIRTS, L - XL, ONLY, SOA CREST
ON BREAST, BLACK. SIZE _____ | 12.50 | _____ | _____ |
| WATCH, SOA LOGO, QUARTZ, LEATHER BAND | 35.00 | _____ | _____ |
| AL MAR SF/SOG KNIFE: 6 1/2" BLADE (11 1/4" OVERALL),
BLACK HANDLE & BLACK NYLON SCABBARD. | 170.00 | _____ | _____ |
| (IF 5 OR MORE PURCHASED AT 1 TIME): | 140.00 | _____ | _____ |

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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October 14, 1991

Mr. William O'Rourke
7335 Fairway Drive
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Dear Bill,

On behalf of the association, please accept our sincere thanks for an outstanding job of managing the memorabilia sales at SOAR XV.

Through the efforts of you and your assistants, Ben Baker, Don Benjamin, Dale Bennett, Bob Masterjoseph and Bill Werther, the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund was enriched by \$3500. That surpasses greatly any previous reunion total for memorabilia sales. Your accomplishments are sincerely appreciated and collectively noted.

I hope that by way of a reward, each of you will realize that you have greatly assisted deserving dependents of our membership to obtain a college education and a better start in life.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F
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October 12, 1991

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Mr. John Barrett
Mr. William Gow
Mr. Fred Nantker

Dear Pat, Bill and Rick,

On behalf of both, the association and myself, please accept this letter of appreciation for your assistance in supervising the hospitality room during SOAR XV.

Our association has doubled in size in the past five years. Proportionately, the managing of a reunion has also increased in depths of responsibilities. Your contributions to the association are reflected directly in the success of SOAR XV and are genuinely appreciated. Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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October 12, 1991

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

TO: Mr. Ronald Schrumpf
Mr. William Stojack

Dear Ron and Bill,

Please accept this letter of appreciation on behalf of both the association and myself. Your assistance in assuring that the close down of SOAR XV was done orderly and that our property is properly secured is sincerely appreciated.

The responsibilities of appropriately managing a reunion has grown immensely over the years to the point that each separate phase of the operation requires diligence and dedication. Your contributions to the effort are directly reflected in a successful SOAR and are sincerely appreciated.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F
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October 14, 1991

Mr. John Gillman
5065 Sunflower Drive
Sun Valley, NV 89433

Dear Mr. Gillman,

On behalf of the Special Operations Association and myself, allow me to extend our most sincere gratitude to you for your generous donation of the very eloquent knife. The knife was very attractive and many wishful buyers purchased tickets during our annual raffle in hopes of winning it.

We hope that you will be proud to know that contributions such as your have made it possible for the association to give over \$32,000, in financial aid, to twelve deserving college students over the past eight years.

Once again, sir, thank you very very much.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

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Right: Thys Bui, Ben
and Shirley Baker
and Ross Bailey.



Below: Ray and
Herb Suigzda.



Above: Bob Barnum and Frenchy.



Left: Dale Bennett, Greg Rodriguez,
Adam Husar, Jim Cipolla and Thys Bui.



Left: Jeanette Genovese
and Bunch of dirty ol'men.
We know why they are smiling,
but why, in hell, is she?

Below: Cliff Newman and
the soon to be
Mrs. Diana Smith.



Above: Bill Werther and Bill O'Rourke.

Right: Jack Abraham,
John LaPaille and Rock Myers.





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October 14, 1991

Mr. Richard Sommers
2698 Zinnia Drive
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Dick,

On behalf of both, the association and myself, please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift of the handsome knife you donated for our annual raffle.

The knife was admired by all and many raffle tickets were purchased by hopeful winners. Your donation was instrumental in enriching our scholarship fund in excess of \$4,000. Generosity, such as your, has greatly assisted the scholarship fund, since its inception, to give over \$32,000 in financial aid to twelve deserving dependents of our members.

Once again, Dick, thank you very very much.

Warm regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

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5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F
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October 14, 1991

Mr. Alex Jongbloed
6738 S. Taylor Drive
Tempe, AZ 85283

Dear Alex,

We are genuinely sorry that you were unable to attend SOAR XV, but, we, of course, understand that you could not be in two places at once.

On behalf of the association, and from a personal stand, please accept our sincere appreciation for the "Desert Storm" bayonet you donated to our annual raffle.

The bayonet was very handsome and many wishful buyers purchased tickets in hopes of winning it. Thanks to generosity, such as yours, our scholarship fund was enriched by an excess of \$4,000. The scholarship fund's capability of having assisted twelve deserving dependents with \$32,00 worth of financial aid, will be greatly enhanced due to your thoughtfulness.

Again, Alex, thank you very very much.

Warm regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F
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August 7, 1991

Mr. Paul Brubaker
PO Box 30
Circleville, WV 26804

Dear Paul,

I just received from our secretary, Ray Harris, the beautiful knife you donated to our association. The knife is one of the best looking knives I've ever seen and is greatly appreciated. Thank you sir, for your generosity.

The knife will be used as one of the raffle prizes in support of our George C. Morton Scholarship Fund. The fund, although limited in size, has awarded \$32,000 worth of scholarships to deserving dependent college students over the past nine years - an accomplishment for which we are very proud. A large portion of the credit for this feat belongs to supporters such as yourself, sir. Thank you once again.

I look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

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