

PRE-REUNION PACKET



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSN. REUNION SOAR XVI

30 SEP - 04 OCT 92

**UNION PLAZA HOTEL
LAS VEGAS, NV**

Registration: \$80/Rooms: \$32



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

S O A R X V I

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 30 SEP 92:

1200 HRS - 'TIL ?

1000 HRS - 1400 HRS

HOSPITALITY ROOM

LATE REGISTRANTION

THURSDAY, 1 OCT 92:

0900 HRS - 'TIL ?

1000 HRS - 1400 HRS

HOSPITALITY ROOM

LATE REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, 2 OCT 92:

0900 HRS - 'TIL ?

0900 HRS - 1700 HRS

1200 HRS - 1330 HRS

1430 HRS - 1630 HRS

HOSPITALITY ROOM

LATE REGISTRATION

THAI CUISINE LUNCHEON (NO HOST)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SATURDAY, 3 OCT 1992:

0900 HRS - 1800 HRS

0900 HRS - 1000 HRS

1000 HRS - 1200 HRS

1230 HRS - 1330 HRS

1800 HRS - 1900 HRS

1900 HRS - 2015 HRS

2015 HRS - 2030 HRS

2030 HRS - 2045 HRS

2045 HRS - 2130 HRS

2130 HRS - 'TIL?

HOSPITALITY ROOM

LATE REGISTRATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

LUNCH (HOSTED BY SOA)

COCKTAILS (HOSTED BY SOA)

POSTING OF COLORS/BANQUET

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOD

RETIREMENT OF COLORS

RAFFLE OF SHOTGUN

HOSPITALITY ROOM

SUNDAY, 4 OCT 1992:

0800 HRS - 1200 HRS

1200 HRS

NO LATER THAN 1200 HRS

HOSPITALITY ROOM

CLOSING OF HOSPITALITY ROOM

HOTEL CHECK-OUT/DEPARTURES

MONDAY, 7 OCT 1991:

NO LATER THAN 1200 HRS

HOTEL CHECK-OUT/DEPARTURES

SOAR XVI

PERTINENT INFORMATION

I. Early registration rates have been reduced to \$80 per person, a savings over the regular rate of 20%. REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 16 SEP OR AT THE REUNION SITE WILL BE \$100 PER PERSON!! The first 20 early registrants will receive an SOA bullion patch (\$25 value) for jacket wear and the second 20 early registrants will receive an SOA belt buckle (\$10 value). Date of RECEIPT of completed registration forms by Ralf Miller will determine the first 40 early registrants.

II. The room rates have been reduced from \$38 to \$32 per day. You must use either the enclosed reservations envelope or mark a letter of request for reservations "SOAR XVI". The Union Plaza Hotel MUST RECEIVE THE RESERVATION REQUEST NLT 28 AUG 92! Phone: 800/634/6575. If you require handicapped facilitated and/or non-smoking rooms, you must so specify when making reservations. Last year, the hotel was unable to honor late requests and some members had to stay in other hotels.

III. Great efforts were made to obtain Mr. Rush Limbaugh as our guest speaker for this year's reunion. However, due to his forthcoming TV show this fall, he will be unable to attend. Hopefully, he will be able to speak next year. As a result of his not attending, it has been decided to not have a guest speaker. The money normally dedicated towards the expense of having a speaker will be re-directed towards the reunion. This means we will be able to provide a free lunch on Saturday and free cocktails during the banquet.

IV. The registration gift this year will be a 22 karat gold SOA logo imprinted wine glass, which will be placed at each person's banquet setting. Memorabilia sales will have sets of four glasses for sale.

V. VOLUNTEERS!! We really need help. Particularly in the management of the hospitality suite. This is a two shift per day requirement and is the very backbone of a successful reunion. Also direly needed are volunteers for memorabilia sales, VIP escorts and pre/post reunion logistical support. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE REGISTRATION FORM. THANKS.

VI. Separately in this PRP is information on the SOA ring. The picture speaks for itself. We would like to be able to place an order for the rings by 10 Aug. (This will enable us to have the rings before SOAR XVI.) So, if you want a ring, get your order in NO LATER THAN 03 AUG TO BEN BAKER (See information sheet on ring).

VII. Again, I remind those able to assist Bill Craig with the writing of SOG history to contact him at 8 Washington Avenue, Westport, CT 06880, 203/227-5725. We really need your support on this.

VIII. Our sincere thanks to Claude O. McBroom, #768, for his very generous donation of \$100 to the Association's Scholarship Fund. It's guys like you Claude, that really assist our deserving dependents in obtaining an education. Thanks again.

IX. Enclosed with this PRP, you received 10 raffle tickets. The tickets are for the final raffling of the Ithaca shotgun that has helped raise funds for our Scholarship Fund in the past. In the AAR for SOAR XV and the Spring Newsletter, the reasons for the final raffle were given. Each of you is requested to do your best to sell all of the tickets. THE PERSON SELLING THE MOST TICKETS WILL BE AWARDED \$300 - THE PERSON SELLING THE SECOND MOST TICKETS WILL RECEIVE \$200 - AND THE THIRD BEST SELLER WILL RECEIVE \$100!! Ticket stubs, along with the money for the tickets sold, plus any unsold tickets should be returned to Ralf Miller, 7035 Hidden Hills, North, San

Antonio, TX 78244 by 16 Sep 92 or turned in at SOAR XVI, prior to the banquet. If you need additional tickets, contact Jack Abraham, Clyde Sincere or Ralf. TICKET SALES ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO SOA MEMBERS. Work hard to sell all of your tickets - the money supports the Scholarship Fund. THE TOP SELLERS WILL GREATLY REDUCE THEIR REUNION EXPENSES!!

X. Also enclosed is the ballot for the 1993-94 election of the Association's Officers/Directors. Your vote is important and dictates the way you want YOUR organization managed. Be certain to cast your ballot in the envelope addressed to: SOA Tally Committee.

XI. Don't forget to bring your photos of previous SOARs to the reunion for our photo album project. And PLEASE identify the "whos and the whens" as best you can. Is there anyone who would like to be the project officer for this undertaking?

XII. The hotel sports deck contains 4 lighted tennis courts, a 1/4 mile jogging track and a large swimming pool. The time of year for our reunion should offer weather to enjoy each of these facilities.

XIII. Our Hospitality Room and reunion registration will be located in the Turf Club and Derby Terrace, respectively, on the 3rd floor of the hotel.

XIV. The best way to get to and from the airport is by limousine service ("Bell Transportation" is one). The rate is \$4.50 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.

XV. The price structuring of SOAR XVI has been designed for the reunion to pay for itself. In other words, we do not wish to incur a loss and have to take money from dedicated accounts, such as the Scholarship Fund, to make up for losses. Therefore, should we have any checks returned for insufficient funds, we will assess a \$25 penalty and place the issuer of that check on a cash basis for the following reunion. Your support of this policy is appreciated.

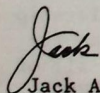
XVI. Vendors wishing to offer their items for sale at SOAR XVI are advised that the vendor fee will be \$75 for the entire reunion. Those wishing to sell items should contact Jack Abraham NLT 16 Sep 92. Vendors are also notified that the tables will be closed NLT 1200 Hrs, Sunday, 04 Oct 92 (NO EXCEPTIONS!!).

XVII. Persons, wishing to donate items to be raffled in support of our Scholarship Fund annual raffle, are requested to give those items to Clyde Sincere on the first day of your arrival. (Mail-ins to Clyde NLT: 15 Sep, PLEASE!.)

XVIII. Attendees will notice an absence of morning coffee in the Hospitality Room. Reason: Coffee costs us \$21 per gallon, with a two gallon minimum requirement. Coffee is available in the hotel coffee shop at 50 cents per cup.

XIX. SOAR XV was one of our very best. SOAR XVI WILL BE BETTER!!!

I sincerely look forward to seeing each of you in Las Vegas,


Jack Abraham,
President

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

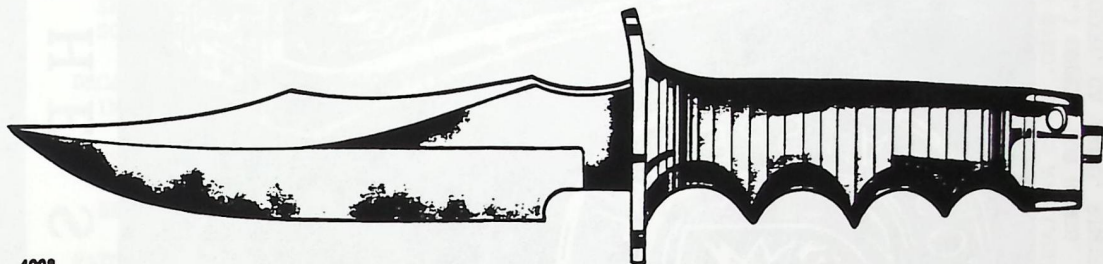
During the early 1960s the Green Berets began issuing a combat knife of their own design to members of their elite reconnaissance teams. These teams operated throughout Indo-China and were involved in some of the most secretive operations of the Viet Nam war. The knife became a mark of distinction, and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

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4008

SF/SOG (ONE ZERO)

Blade Length:
Blade Thickness:
Blade Steel:
O.A.L.:
Guard:
Butt Cap:
Handle:
Scabbard:

4064
6 1/2" (165 mm)
3/16" (5 mm)
AM-8, RC 57-59
11 1/4" (286 mm)
Brass
Brass
Leather
Full Top Grain Leather, Blk

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THE SOA RING



THE PICTURE ABOVE IS THE ASSOCIATION'S RING. IT IS AVAILABLE IN 10 KARAT GOLD FOR \$325 OR IN STERLING SILVER FOR \$165. (PRICES INCLUDE SHIPPING AND INSURANCE.) ORDERS FOR RINGS, ACCOMPANIED WITH PAYMENT, SHOULD BE MAILED NLT 03 AUG TO: BEN BAKER, 10 PANORAMA COURT, HILLSBOROUGH, CA 94010. RINGS ORDERED NOW WILL BE SHIPPED PRIOR TO SOAR XVI. PLEASE, PRINT OR TYPE HOW YOU WANT YOUR NAME TO BE ENGRAVED INSIDE OF THE RING, YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND CORRECT RING SIZE. THE ASSOCIATION WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE IF THE WRONG SIZE RING IS ORDERED.



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MEMORABILIA SALES ITEMS

	PRICE	QTY.	TOTAL
RING, WITH SOA CREST.(SIZE:_____)			
STERLING SILVER	\$165.00		
10 CARAT GOLD	325.00		
(NAME & SOA NUMBER WILL BE ENGRAVED INSIDE)			
← SEE AD FOR RING ON FACING PAGE.			
CAPS, (ONE SIZE FITS ALL):			
SKULL W/ABN WINGS & DAGGER (PUFF PRINTED)	9.00	_____	_____
SOA PATCH, EMBROIDERED	14.00	_____	_____
DECALS, SOA CREST, 5 COLORS (FOR WINDOWS):			
INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, SPECIFY_____	3.50	_____	_____
MUGS, BLACK IRONSTONE (CERAMIC)			
COFFEE MUG (11 OZ) W/GOLD CREST	10.00	_____	_____
BEER MUG (16 OZ) GOLD + COLORED CREST	15.00	_____	_____
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	_____	_____
MISCELLANEOUS:			
LAPEL PINS, SOA CREST	3.50	_____	_____
TIE TACK, SOA CREST	3.50	_____	_____
PEN & PENCIL SET, W/SOA LOGO	21.00	_____	_____
SOA COIN (COPPER OR PEWTER) SPECIFY_____	10.00	_____	_____
WALNUT, LASER ENGRAVED, SOA LOGO PLAQUE	25.00	_____	_____
SOA BULLION BLAZER PATCH	25.00	_____	_____
SOA CANVAS 10 X 18" GYM BAG	10.00	_____	_____
BOOK, "SPECIAL FORCES OF US ARMY", BY LTC (RET) IAN SUTHERLAND	44.00	_____	_____
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/SOA KNIFE:6 1/2" BLADE (11 1/4" OVERALL), BLACK HANDLE & BLACK LEATHER SCABBARD.	170.00	_____	_____

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.,

HIGH-IMPACT NOVELS OF MEN AT WAR IN VIETNAM

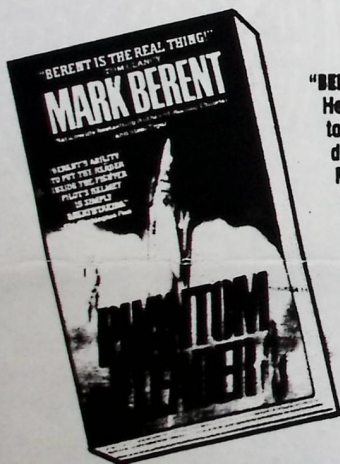


MARK BERENT

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1. NAME _____ DATE _____

2. ADDRESS _____

3. CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ PHONE () _____

4. SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ PRIOR 1969 SERVICE # _____

5. TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: GENERAL _____ ASSOCIATE _____ (SEE TYPES AND REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIPS)

6. IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUT THE LISTED DUTIES DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT CATEGORY, WILL YOU ACCEPT AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP? YES _____ NO _____

7. ASSIGNMENT TO MILITARY OR CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR MEMBERSHIP:

UNIT OR PROJECT	DATES OF SERVICE	DUTIES	LOCATION

8. REFERENCE (ONLY A GENERAL MEMBER CAN BE LISTED AS A REFERENCE):

NAME	UNIT	MEMBER #

9. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOA MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES ME TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES SPECIFIED IN THE SOA BY-LAW ENCLOSED IS \$25.00, PAYABLE TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION FOR THE INITIATION FEE AND FIRST YEAR DUES. TO MAINTAIN MY MEMBERSHIP, I WILL PAY ANNUAL DUES OF \$25.00 NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31 OF EACH YEAR. LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING AT A COST OF \$250.

AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS

I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS BEARING ON MY MILITARY SERVICE TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION. I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON THIS SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FORM IS VOLUNTARY, AS WELL AS TRUE AND CORRECT.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

WITNESS _____ DATE _____

FACT SHEET

The SOA is a fraternal organization made up of U.S. and allied participants in special military operations conducted in combat areas during WWII, the Korean War, the SE Asian conflict and post-Vietnam era conflicts.

GUIDELINES FOR THE DEFINITION OF "SPECIAL OPERATIONS" UNITS

The unit/project must be or have been composed of military/paramilitary personnel, organized specifically to conduct special/unconventional operations, with a mission of conducting covert and classified combat and/or reconnaissance operations as its normal function, within hostile territory and forward of the area of influence of conventional ground support units

or

with the mission to conduct counter-Terrorist Operations as its primary function

or

on a ROUTINE basis to provide DIRECT combat support (fire-transport-forward air control) to organizations meeting the above criterion and approved by the Special Operations Association. This definition applies only to those that actually crewed these land, sea, or air weapons or vehicles. (Since the interpretation of "Special Operations" and the above guidelines may be relative to each applicant, the final definitions shall rest with this Association.)

EXAMPLES OF UNITS RECOGNIZED:

PRE-1954: O.S.S.; 8240TH A.U.; MERRILL'S MARAUDERS; USMC RAIDERS OR SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS OF WORLD WAR II OR THE KOREAN WAR.

1954 - PRESENT: COMBINED ARMS STUDIES; MACV/SOG; B-52; WHITE STAR; PROJECT 404; PROJECT OAK; PRU; CT; MOBILE STRIKE FORCE; B-56; MOBILE GUERRILLA FORCE; B-50; CIA; FBI; SOCPAC; DELTA FORCE; USN SEAL TEAMS; USMC FORCE RECON; USAF AIR COMMANDOS, USA RANGERS AND USA SPECIAL FORCES ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS; OTHER SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS INVOLVED IN THE GULF WAR REGION; AND OTHER SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS.

TYPES & REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIPS

A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

This is a VOTING membership and the dues are \$25.00 (U.S.) assessed annually.

REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant must have been assigned to one of the units recognized by this Association.
2. The ROUTINE (normal) duty of the applicant while at this assignment MUST have placed the applicant in DIRECT THREAT/EXPOSURE to hostile fire.
3. The applicant must be specific concerning dates of assignments and duties performed while at this assignment. This information will be cross-checked with General Members.
4. The applicants must provide, with his application, copies of government documentation proving unit assignment(s). The Association is NOT responsible for obtaining your qualifying documentation!!! (Requirement #4, above, may be waived if the application includes the name of at least one GENERAL MEMBER who can verify the qualifications of the applicant.)
5. Allied applicants MUST provide sufficient documentation to enable the Membership Committee to evaluate their qualifications. If the allied applicant is from a country from which it would be impossible to obtain records (i.e., Rhodesia or South Vietnam), they MUST submit as much background information on their duties, as possible to the Membership Committee for evaluation.

B. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

This is a NON-VOTING membership and the dues are \$25.00 (U.S.) assessed annually.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Government documentation assigning you to one of the units recognized by this Association. If your normal duties at the assignment DID NOT place you in direct threat/exposure to hostile fire, then you qualify for an Associate Membership.

or

2. Sponsored by FOUR General Members in good standing.

LIFE STATUS

A one time charge of \$250.00 (U.S.) paid in full or within four consecutive quarters (i.e., \$62.50 every 3 months.)

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We'd like to offer these three important, but hard-to-find, additions to your Special Forces Collection:

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Special Forces at War: A Pictorial History of SF in S.E. Asia, by Shelby Stanton, 1990, \$57.50.

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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

If you served on a team sent to Vietnam/Laos/Cambodia/Thailand on a TDY basis, we would appreciate the following information as best as you recall. Copies of TDY orders showing the team composition would also be appreciated, if available:

Team Number, Parent SF Group

In-Country dates and locations

Team Commander, XO, Team Sergeant

Any of this information for the team before you and the team that replaced you would help place your team in the time-line.

INTERFACE WITH SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS. Coordination with other elite organizations continues in order to: (1) exchange information on individuals whom have misrepresented themselves and/or falsified credentials in an effort to gain membership into our organizations, (2) include each organization on general membership mailings and (3) publish in these mailings a list of the organizations. Organizations unified in this endeavor are:

Air Commando Association
PO Box 7
Mary Ester, FL 32569
904/243-4601

Ranger Association
PO Box 669
Columbus, GA 31902
404/576-6630

Force Recon Association
3784-B Mission Ave., #1775
Oceanside, CA 92054
619/439-8633

Special Forces Association
PO Box 41436
Fayetteville, NC 28309
919/485-5433

Fraternal Order of UDT/SEAL
PO Box 5365
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Special Operations Association
5130 E. Charleston Blvd, #5-583-F
Las Vegas, NV 89122

NOT ATTENDING SOAR XVI ???

(BOY, ARE YOU SCREWING UP !!!)

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:

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S A N A N T O N I O , T X 7 8 2 4 4



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

AFTER ACTION REPORT SOAR XVI

Dedicated to the Memory
of

ALFRED MAR

August 9, 1938 — October 17, 1992



THIS AFTER ACTION
REPORT IS DEDICATED
TO THE MEMORY OF
AL MAR
LIFE MEMBER #439

THE SUDDEN DEATH OF AL MAR WAS A GREAT LOSS TO OUR ASSOCIATION AND HIS FAMILY, THAT MERE WORDS CANNOT ADEQUATELY EXPRESS. AL'S IMMEASURABLE AND UNSELFISH GENEROSITY IN SUPPORT OF OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND, SINCE ITS INCEPTION, HAS BEEN THE FOUNDATION OF OUR SUCCESS IN ASSISTING THE FUND'S MANY FINE RECIPIENTS. AL WAS A DEDICATED AND LOYAL MEMBER OF OUR ORGANIZATION, A DEVOTED AND BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER AND A PROUD AMERICAN, WHO SERVED HIS NATION IN TIME OF NEED. WE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER YOU AL - THANKS FOR EVERYTHING.



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OUT-GOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The writing of this message will be my last official act as President of our distinguished Association. Let me simply state that it has been an honor and privilege to have served our organization and its members. I am comfortable in knowing that during my tenure, our membership, as selective as it is, has grown by 20% and that our operational and scholarship fund financial accounts are healthy and prospering. These accomplishments are reflective of the collective efforts of the officers and directors of our Association, complemented, by those often times unsung heroes, the volunteers amongst our membership. I sincerely thank each of you for your support and loyalty to both, the Association and me, for the past two years. I am certain that all of us will extend to Ray Whittington, and the new board of officers and directors, our continued support and allegiance.

I would like to see you, the members, become more involved in the affairs and management of your Association. Amongst our membership is a source of experience, talents and dedication that similar organizations would love to have! It is realized that sometimes our occupations do not permit us to take more active roles. However, the infusion of fresh ideas and expertise is the basis for our continued growth and prosperity. It is YOUR Association. Speak up and become enmeshed with its operation. Volunteer to run for an elective position or to assist in the conduct of a reunion. You will find the returns most gratifying.

Next, I would like to recognize the generous donations made to our scholarship fund during our past reunion. Mr. & Mrs Jerry Ginder, \$3,000, Mr. Bob Gilstrap, \$2,000 and Mrs. Frenchie Amundson, \$700. The Association appreciates greatly your kind contributions. Thank you, each and all.

In closing, I once again, sincerely thank you for your support. Being the President of this most prestigious and highly selective organization has been most rewarding. And to the "Troika", Ralf, Clyde and Clay (a.k.a., RC2) a special thanks and acknowledgement for your untiring and appreciative counsel and support - you guys made it fun.

Warm regards to each of you. Arigato!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jack'. The signature is stylized with a large, looping 'J' and a cursive 'ack'.

Jack Abraham
President, 1992-93

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I assume this exalted position within our great organization I can only say "Thanks Folks". I will do my best to ensure that we continue to grow and adjust with the changing times during my tenure. The fraternal traditions of trust, loyalty, and fellowship that brought the founders of this organization together sixteen years ago are still with us. A fact that leads me to believe my agenda should be to continue the programs established by our previous leadership, and make changes only when they would improve a particular program.

I have asked the current chairman of each committee, including committee members to remain in their present position for the time being, and all have agreed to do so. The new Board of Governors selected by you "the membership", all agree with me on this action. I want each and every member of our organization to know that we are on board to serve at your behest. Any suggestion, recommendation, etc., that can improve the way we do business will be given due consideration and will be implemented when feasible.

I would like to express my thanks to the membership for supporting the various programs advanced by the current leadership, and request that you continue to provide me and the incoming leadership the same unswerving support. Of particular note is our scholarship program. As of this date a total of nineteen scholarships (five this year) have been granted, providing over 47,000 dollars in assistance to our deserving youngsters. This is an accomplishment that justifies our existence and is a credit to all of you. You the members are the source. A loyal and participating membership provides the basis for our organization's continued growth and prosperity.

I would like to extend my thanks to Jack Abraham; our outgoing president, for the outstanding job he has done during his tenure. Under his leadership we have increased our membership, become financially secure both in operating expenses and scholarship funding. In addition, under his leadership we have participated in two outstanding SOAR reunions. A fact that we the membership can attest to as probably our most successful. Jack, a job well done. I am looking forward to your continuing support.

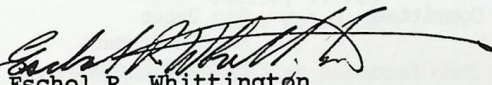
A special thanks to our incumbent and incoming Treasurer, Ralf Miller. As all of us know he has done an exceptional job for our organization. Not only does he do an outstanding job of managing our financial resources, but he is also in charge of our scholarship program. Under his management our total financial assets have increased to approximately 100,000 dollars. This was accomplished through your "the members generosity" and Ralf's good management. No easy feat. Thanks Ralf, a job well done.

I must not forget the outstanding administration efforts of Clyde Sincere. What would we have done without him over the years? I believe each of the past presidents as well as the members can attest to the fact if assistance was needed Clyde was there. Clyde has agreed to continue providing his expertise as required. Thanks Clyde, I'm sure I will be calling you often.

Another major player on our Board of Governors is Clayton Scott, Chairman of the Membership Committee and Liaison Committee. Clay will continue in his present position which will make my life much easier. The membership roster and validation of member qualification is of the utmost importance to an organization such as ours. Clay is also preparing a separate roster of members: by state, lost souls, and deceased for inclusion in SOAR XVI After Action Report. Clay, many thanks to you as well.

All those committees and members that I have inadvertently overlooked, please forgive me this time. I'll try to improve as I move forward. Again, I am most honored to have been elected as your senior representative, and I thank you for providing me with a superb Board of Governors. I look forward to serving you for the next two years. I will do my best to maintain your trust and continue the traditions that have been established by our organization. My address, office and home phone numbers are contained in the SOAR roster. Feel free to give me a ring at any time. If I don't see you before SOAR XVII (29 Sep - 3 Oct 93) Union Plaza, Los Vegas NV) take care and may old father time be good to all of you until we meet again.

Respectfully,



Eschol R. Whittington
President

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

3 OCTOBER 1992

I. The Special Operations Association General Membership Meeting was called to order at 1000 hours, Saturday, the 3d of October 1992 at the Union Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada by SOA President, Jack Abraham.

II. Mr. Martin Bennett 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 purposes.

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

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

C. The following named Special Staff Members were present:

Chairman, 1993-94 Tally Committee:	Bill Lueders
Chairman, Memorabilia Sales Committee:	Ben Baker
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Martin Bennett
Sergeant-At-Arms:	Richard Sommers

D. The following named Special Staff Members were absent:

Historian:	James E. Butler
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V. Business Meeting:

A. Old Business:

1. Minutes of the 5th of October 1991: Jack Abraham

The minutes of the 4th of October 1991 meeting were included in the AAR for SOAR XV. 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 assembled membership on the current financial status of the SOA, and stated that the SOA was financially healthy. Assets were growing annually which enhanced the Scholarship Fund. The SOA is slowly, but surely pulling forward to a self-sustaining financial position that will support operational expenses; Life Membership support and breaking better than even on SOAR expenses, (any, "Excess" from any of these SOA accounts are immediately transferred into the Scholarship Fund). Mr. Miller also mentioned that the membership support of SOA Memorabilia sales and the registered vendors at a SOAR is a great source of income to the Scholarship Fund. Vendors have contributed \$75.00 per table to the Fund and their support has been invaluable in assisting the SOA build toward financial viability. Mr. Miller also mentioned that he was transferring SOA funds from interest bearing 30 day CD's to U.S. Series EE Savings Bonds (minimum of 6% if held five (5) years or longer), and to two (2) year CD's. this will effectively double the interest/dividend income on the SOA CD's. Additionally, Mr. Miller reported that these funds are tax exempt and 100% safe. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as provided. 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 fund and reported to the membership that the SOA Board had approved the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee on their selection of five (5) scholarship recipients for the school year commencing in the Fall of 1992. Those selected were:

Michelle Waskovich
Suzanne Leigh Sullivan
Benjamin J. Fry
Jeffrey J. Fry
Lucky Mel Wick

Additionally, Mr. Miller reported that the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund has, to date, selected 18 young men and women for three (3) and four (4) year scholarships, at \$1000.00 per school year. Very proudly, the SOA has paid and/or committed \$53,500 towards the higher education of young men and women through 1995. Also, Mr. Miller reported that the committee's goal remains to build the fund in order that it can come as close as possible to being self-sustaining. Each SOAR and Memorabilia sale permits the SOA to get closer and closer to that goal. A motion was made and seconded that the report of the Chairman of the SOA Scholarship Committee be accepted and approved as provided. Motion approved unanimously.

4. 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 30 September 1992, Association membership demographics were:

1003 Members (49 new members in 1992).

278 Life Members (49 Honorary), including the following individuals who were awarded the MOH while conducting special operations:

ROY BENAVIDEZ
ROBERT HOWARD
FRANK MILLER

FRED ZABITOSKY
KEITH PAYNE (Victoria Cross)
JON CAVAIANI

257 General

50 Associate

386 Dropped from the Rolls (Lapsed dues and/or neglected to provide a change of address.

32 Deceased, Deceased in 1992:

TOM CAMPBELL
TENNIS "SAM" CARTER
WILLIAM DELIMA
JAMES KEETON

FRED KIRTCHEN
AL MAR
ED SPINAIO

Member Number 593, Frederick Nantker, was expelled from the SOA membership as unqualified due to fraudulent membership claims.

Resumes were distributed for Member Number 758, James White who is currently incarcerated and in need of an employment offer in order to enhance his opportunity for a parole.

Additionally, it was reported by Mr. Scott that Cindy Attwood, the sister of SP5 Michael F. May, (MIA, 02 Mar.'69, CCS operation in the "Fishhook area" during which Sgt Bill Evans was KIA). Ms. Attwood desires to contact anyone who know her brother and has any knowledge of the circumstances of the operation that led to his MIA status. Ms. Attwood may be contacted at (517) 823-3217.

Also, the membership committee continues to coordinate questionable or fraudulent applications received with the:

Air Commando Association
Force Recon Association
Special Forces Association
Fraternal Order of UDT/SEAL Association
USA Ranger Association
China Post Number One, VFW

A motion was made and seconded that the membership committee report be accepted as provided. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Allied Liaison Committee Report: Clayton Scott

Mr. Scott reported to the general membership as to the circumstances that led to the cancellation of the tentative trip to Australia for the purpose of participating with the Australian/New Zealand Special Air Service Association during the period 2-8 November 1992. These circumstances primarily were lack of SOA membership participation and the associated high costs of travel. The expense projections were confirmed by the agency advertising a similar venture to Sydney and Canberra in the Fall 1992 edition of the Special Forces Association "Drop". No motion required.

6. SOAR XVI, General: Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham discussed in general those activities that had taken place to date relating to SOAR XVI and the manner in which the remaining activities of SOAR XVI would be conducted. No motion required.

7. SOAR XVI, Door Prizes and Raffle (-): Clyde Sincere

Mr. Sincere reported to the general membership as to the manner in which he would conduct the award of door prizes and the majority of raffle items, all of which were donated by individual members and/or the SOA. Selected items including the 12-Gauge ITHACA Shotgun would be raffled off at the Annual Banquet. (Attached hereto as an inclosure is a listing of the winning recipients of all donated prizes). No motion required.

B. New Business:

1. SOAR XVII, General: Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham reported to the general membership that he had successfully negotiated a contract with the Union Plaza Hotel & Casino to conduct SOAR XVII during the period 29 September - 03 October 1993. No motion required.

2. Excel Telecommunication, Inc.: Ray Harris

Mr. Harris reported to the general membership on an offer by Excel Telecommunications, Inc. that would provide a service to those individual members desiring to participate in this unique venture and at the same time the SOA Scholarship Fund would benefit by a percentage of the revenue received by the Corporation. Mr. Harris distributed copies of the Excel offer with its accompanied explanations. Any member desiring additional information may contact Ray Harris at: (904) 495-9477. No motion required.

3. SOAR XVIII and SOAR XX Dean Byrne and Bob Masterjoseph

Queries from the general membership floor by Mr. Dean Byrne and Mr. Bob Masterjoseph relating to the desire to host SOAR XVIII in Colorado Springs, Colorado (1994) and a return to Bangkok, Thailand for SOAR XX. Mr.

Abraham stated that Mr. Byrne and Mr. Masterjoseph were welcome to chair a committee and submit a proposal as soon as possible to the Board of Officers and Directors for their consideration. He reiterated that the proposal should be all inclusive as it relates to the WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, and HOW. Cost data and general overall benefits must also be taken into consideration when developing the proposal. Mr. Byrne distributed a "flyer" extolling the Colorado Springs and "Pikes Peak" region to the membership for their edification. No motion required.

4. POW/MIA Situation:

Norm Doney

Mr. Doney briefed the general membership on the latest developments currently in progress relating to the POW/MIA issue. He enjoined as many members as possible to stay tuned to C-SPAN in that they were carrying almost in its entirety the Senate Select Committees deliberations on the very sensitive issue. Mr. Doney requests each member contact his state representative and state their views on this important issue. No motion required.

5. SOA IRS EIN Number:

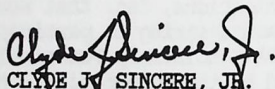
Ralf M. Miller

Mr. Miller provided to the general membership the SOA IRS EIN number as requested due to the number of individuals who have contributed items as door prizes and raffle prizes and/or who have or will conduct official business in connection with SOA activities. The number is: EIN 74-2619854. No motion required.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no further items of new business, Mr. Jack Abraham adjourned the 1991 General Membership Meeting with the announcement that at the Annual Banquet he would announce to the general membership the results of the 1993-94 Board of Officers and Directors vote by the membership as reported by the Chairman, Tally Committee, Mr. Bill Lueders. Additionally, the next General Membership meeting would take place during SOAR XVII.

Respectfully submitted,



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



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

TO: The President, SOA, and all members.

This is a financial status report of the SOA and a statement of the assets and liabilities (cash basis) as of December 1, 1992.

ASSETS

CASH/CERTIFICATES

Operating Account	\$ 5,530
Life Membership Account	8,500
Scholarship Fund	9,990
Memorabilia Account	5,090
Convention Account	21,130
Certificates of Deposit	40,000
EE Savings Bonds	15,000

Total \$105,240

OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Memorabilia Inventory \$ 3,505

TOTAL ASSETS

\$108,745

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES

None -0-

TOTAL LIABILITIES

-0-

Total Fund Balance-Dec 1, 1992

\$108,745

[For comparison:]

[Total Fund Balance-Dec 31, 1991]

[\$ 83,068]

Although we've gained in total assets (about \$25,000), we still have a long way to go for the Scholarship Fund to be self-sustaining. All of the above accounts will be reduced to the minimum required to draw interest (approx \$2500) and the balance invested in EE Savings Bonds and 2 year CDs after 31 Dec 92 to maximize income to the SOA.

Ralph M. Miller

RALPH M. MILLER

Treasurer, SOA

7035 Hidden Hills, North
San Antonio, TX 78244

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

Over 50 door and raffle prizes were won by SOAR XVI attendees at the General Membership Meeting and Saturday's banquet.

Books donated by Marshall Harrison, Fred Platt, Clayton Scott and Steve Sherman were won by:

Bob Johnston	Rod Patterson	Steve Sherman
Buck Swannack	Jim Baker	Fred Platt
Jim Fry	Roy Bahr	Mick Herbert
Jerry Ginder	Clyde Fore	George Houston
Mike Reed	John La Paille	Clyde Sincere
Martin Brady	Bill Lueders	Saul Arrendondo
Mark Kinsler	Charlie Berg	Carl Fronabarger
Bob Gilstrap	Bill Robinson	Ray Harris
Pete McGiffert	Bill Werther	Gene McCarthy
Dick Conte	Bobby Evans	

Shirts donated by Mark Kinsler were won by Hank Gole, John McClaskey, Bill O'Rourke, James Lamotte and Moe Blakey.

SOA Pewter Money Clips donated by John Thomas were won by Bill Robinson and Ron Coleman.

RAFFLE ITEMS

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>DONATED</u>	<u>WINNER</u>
Vietnam Order of Battle	Shelby Stanton	Bill O'Rourke
Special Forces at War	Shelby Stanton	Bill Lueders
A Woman's Pleasure	Jim Shultz	Mary Sincere
Desert Shield/Desert Storm	SOA	Jim Fry
Desert Shield/Desert Storm	SOA	Pat Barrett
Special Forces at War	SOA	Bob Masterjoseph
SF/SOG (One Zero) Knife	SOA	Bill O'Rourke
Al Mar's "The Warrior's Edge"	David Morrell	Charlie Berg
Al Mar's Special Warfare II w/s	Al Mar	Ron Mickelson
"Rocking Car"	Larry Trimble	Art Fields
"The New Breed"	Bill Butterworth	Bob Johnston
"Line of Fire"	Bill Butterworth	George Houston
"Counter Attack"	Bill Butterworth	Bill Stojack
"The Aviators"	Bill Butterworth	George Houston
"The Fifth Profession"	David Morrell	Saul Arrendondo
"The League of Night & Fog"	David Morrell	Clyde Sincere
"The League of Night & Fog"	David Morrell	Ralph Munson
A Lonely Kind of War	Marshall Harrison	John Padgett
A Lonely Kind of War	Marshall Harrison	Ralph Munson
A Lonely Kind of War	Marshall Harrison	Ron Mickelson
A Lonely Kind of War	Marshall Harrison	Bob Johnston
Regimental "Port" Wine	AATTV	Bill Stojack
Al Mar's Bowie Knife w/s&s	Al Mar	Fred Platt
SOA's Hotel Gift for SOAR XVI	SOA	George Fisher
SOA's Hotel Gift for SOAR XVI	SOA	Nick Godano
"Ithaca Shotgun"	SOA	Bob Gilstrap

The Ithaca Shotgun was donated back to the Association for auction by Bob Gilstrap and subsequently won by Jerry and Tania Ginder.

ODDS & ENDS/PEARLS OF PROFUNDITY

1. SOAR XVI, as measured in terms of attendance and contributions to our scholarship fund, was our best reunion ever. Those of you that attended can vouch for that. For those of you who could not attend, we missed you - and you missed one helluva good time. We hope that next year's event will be even more successful. Work has already begun towards that goal. The dates are 29 September - 03 October, at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Mark your calendar!

2. The memorabilia sales form and membership application form that are normally stapled inside of this AAR are enclosed, but not affixed. We hope that this will facilitate your ease in using the forms. Order some items - it supports the scholarship fund. Recruit a new member - it helps us to grow. Also included separately is a registration form for the SFA Convention to be held in Nashville, 26 June - 01 July 1993. We'll man a table with SOAR XVII details there, so if you can attend, please assist with this effort.

3. For those of you who would like to pass your regards to Jane Fonda, the toll free phone number is 800/824-7148. I'm certain she'll be pleased to hear from you. And speaking of our little darling, do you know the difference between Jane Fonda and Slick Willie? Fonda went to Vietnam!

4. The basic recognition of life's stark realities is no better exemplified than by the undisputable fact that the mere act of lying can forever destroy those virtuous traits of character, such as integrity, trust, honesty and the value of one's given word.

5. Recently, there was an SOA Poetry Contest. The three finalists were an Air Commando, a SEAL and a SOG SF NCO. They were required to use the word "Timbuktu" in a poem. Here are the results:

Air Force: The land was filled with trees and hills
of rolling streams and daffodils.
And in the morning lay the dew on the
land called Timbuktu.

Navy: Across the hot sand dredged the lonely caravan.
Man and camel striding two by two
Their destination.....Timbuktu.

Army: Tim and I, a hunting went.
Met three damsels in a tent.
They were three, while we were two.
So, I bucked one, while Tim bucked two.

6. Jack Abraham has resumed the management of SOA memorabilia sales. Plans for the future include replacing the present two caps with one high quality cap, that will have direct embroidery on it. There will also be a die cast belt buckle offered for sale. If you have any particular item you would like to have considered, please let Jack know. If you haven't ordered an SOA ring yet, do so. They are absolutely elegant - and at about half the normal asking price.

7. Freedom is not being able to do anything you want, but the power to do what you should.

8. The White House, this past December, awarded the Medal of Freedom to several people. Disappointingly, Martha Raye was not included. Amazingly though, Richard Petty, the race car driver, was! Can some one explain that, please? In the arena of contributions to our Nation, Mr. Petty couldn't make a wart on Maggie's ass.

9. If you haven't ordered your SOA ring yet, better do so! We now have it copyrighted and its the exclusive property of our Association. Please see the enclosed memorabilia sales order form for details.

10. You'll also find in this AAR, a pocket calendar that has Association dates of importance highlighted. Hopefully, this will help us to remember the deadlines for registration and hotel reservations.

11. Life is what happens to you when you had other things planned.

12. We're still looking for someone to catalog and maintain the photographs of past reunions. Any volunteers?

13. Friends don't let drunk friends take ugly women home.

14. LOST DOG: 3 legs, blind in left eye, missing right ear, tail broken, recently castrated - answers to the name of "Lucky". Call 512/250-0794.

15. May the good Lord take a liking to you....but not too soon.



I SAY THERE MY LIL' CHICKADEE, "WE'RE ALL
LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT SOAR XVII!"



JIM RAMSEY, MARK KINSLER & KEN GAUDET



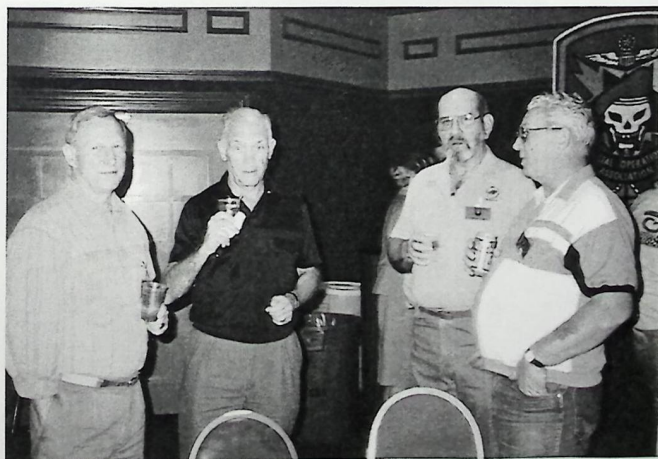
MOE BLAKEY, FRENCHIE & JOHN LAPAILLE



THE BAKERS, THE FEOLAS & THE HOUSTONS



SHIRLEY BAKER & ROSE FEOLA



ROY BAHR, ROGER PEZZELLE, PAT PATTERSON AND JACK LONG



ROY ASHWORTH & RALF MILLER



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

October 13, 1992

Mr. Al Mar
5755 SW Jean Road, #101
Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Dear Al,

Once again, the Association sincerely thanks you for your generous donation of the elegant Al Mar knives. The knives were raffled during our reunion and contributed greatly to the coffers of our Scholarship Fund.

Your continued support over the past many years to the Association cannot be adequately expressed in a mere "thank you". But, hopefully, you will find additional reward in knowing that your generosity has helped enable the Association to award \$47,000 to nineteen deserving dependents in their quest for a college education.

We regret that you were unable to attend the reunion, but would like to extend to you, now, an invitation to be our guest at SOAR XVII. It will be held 29 Sep - 03 Oct 1993, at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. We sincerely hope that your schedule will permit you to attend. A reunion itinerary will be provided to you later.

Again, Al, on behalf of the Association and myself, thank you for your kindness.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack".

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



FISHER, PAPAILLE, PENNY DE SANTO & FEOLA
AND NO ONE IS LOOKING AT PENNY? DAMN!!!



LEW MILLETT AND ROY ASHWORTH
CO-WINNERS, SOA MUSTACHE CONTEST



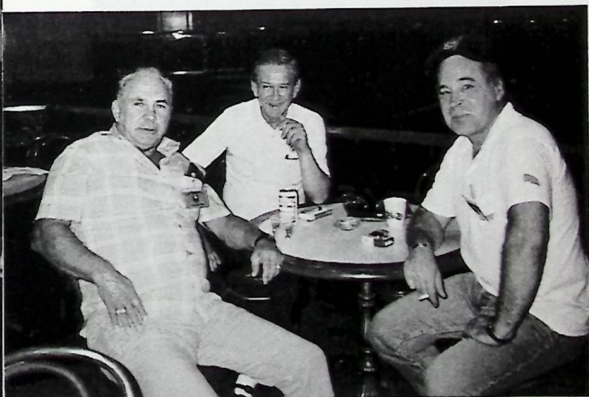
CAVAIANI, ABRAHAM, MILLER & SINCERE



JOHN THOMAS, RON SCHRUMPF (BACKGROUND),
RAY WHITTINGTON, JOHN MCCLASKEY AND
JERRY GINDER



WALT SHUMATE, JAKE JACOBSON & CHARLIE BERG



BILL GOW, AL FRIEND & BILL STOJACK
THE LAS VEGAS MAFFIA



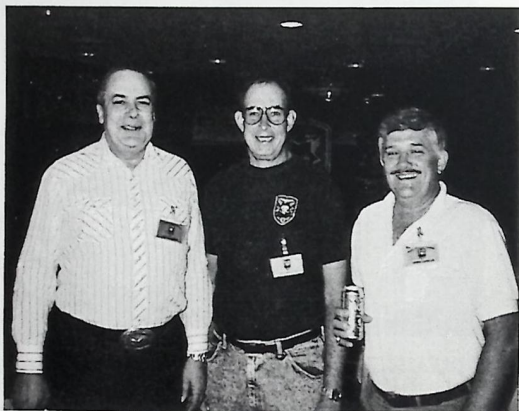
McCLASKEY, GINDER, WHITTINGTON & SCOTT



JEANETTE GENOVESE & DEBBIE COLOMBO
NEED I SAY MORE?



TANIA GINDER, CLYDE & FRENCHIE



DON BENJAMIN, BILL O'ROURKE & JOHN LAPILLE



HERB & RAY SUIGZDA & GIL APODACA



ROY BAHR, DAVID MORRELL, JACK ISLER,
ROGER PEZZELLE & ROCK MYERS



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

October 12, 1992

Mr. Paul Brubaker
PO Box 30
Circleville, WV 26804

Dear Paul,

Once again, you have contributed greatly to the coffers of our Scholarship Fund with the very fine fine looking knife you donated. Many raffle tickets were purchased in hopes of being the lucky winner.

I'm certain you will be pleased to know that through generosity such as yours, the Association has been able to assist nineteen very deserving dependents in their quest for a higher education in the amount of \$47,000.

In closing, I again thank you very much, sir, for your munificent gift.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

October 15, 1992

Mr. Jim Shultz
PO Box 760
Broomfield, CO 80020

Dear Jim,

Thank you so very much for the very elegant glass bowl you designed, made and, then so generously, donated to the Association. It was a muchly desired item during our raffle and brought significant proceeds to our scholarship fund. I'm certain you'll be happy to learn that a good portion of those funds were contributed by Clyde Sincere, the eventual winner.

You will also find it heartening to learn that generosity such as yours, have enabled our Association to award scholarships, totalling \$47,000 to nineteen of our very deserving dependents.

Once again, sir, thank you for your kindness; it is genuinely appreciated.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj

CLOCKWISE:

BUCK SWANNACK
TOBY 'HAND'
TOBY THOMAS
JOHN THOMAS
JERRY GINDER
TANIA GINDER
CAROLYN McCLASKEY
JOHN McCLASKEY
ART FIELDS
DOC PADGETT



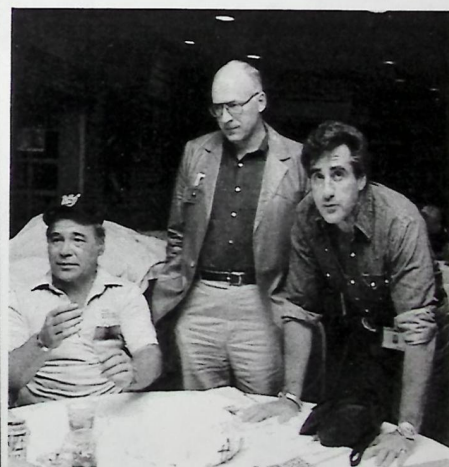
LARRY TRIMBLE, BOB MASTER, JOSEPH,
STEVE WILSON & MIKE DUGGAN



CLYDE SINCERE & GENE MCCARTHY
WITH TANIA'S SHOTGUN



CLAY, CLYDE, ROCK & JACK,
THE DIRECTORS FOR 1993-94



BILL STOJACK, DOC PADGETT
AND JERRY GINDER



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

October 15, 1992

Mr. & Mrs Jerrald Ginder
22 Wagon Wheel Drive
New City, New York 10956

Dear Jerry and Tania,

Please accept, on behalf the Association and myself, our most heartfelt congratulations for being the winners of the auction for our Association shotgun.

The shotgun was especially designed and made for our Association by the Ithaca Gun Manufacturing Company. It is a 12 gauge pump shotgun, serial number CENT-1711, embellished with the engraving of our association name and logo. It is a one of a kind firearm and valued at \$7,500. It is truly an elegant and expensive piece of work.

The Association is genuinely pleased that the shotgun was won by fine people such as the two of you, because we know that the piece and its history will be always maintained and protected.

Again, our sincere congratulations.

Warm regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



BILL & SHIRLEY ROBINSON



CLYDE SINCERE, DSC, WITH
THREE MEDAL OF HONOR HOLDERS
JON CAVAIANI, MOSHE LEVY & LEW MILLETT.
A VERY DISTINGUISHED GROUP!



WHITT, "REVEREND" & JOHN
JUST PRIOR TO 1ST EVER SOA BUNGEE JUMP



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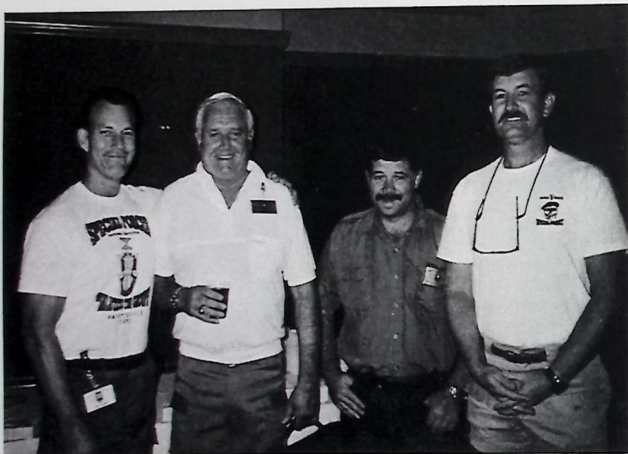
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October 13, 1992

Mr. William Lueders, Chairman, Tally Committee
Mr. Patrick Mahoney, Member, " "
Mr. John Mullins, Member, " "

Gentlemen,

Please, on behalf of myself and the Association, accept our genuine appreciation for the service you provided in serving on the Tally Committee for the 1993-94 terms of office.

Your tasks required integrity, accuracy and non-divulgence of sensitive information. You completed those requirements in a most dedicated and professional manner. Each of you, individually and collectively, has made a significant contribution to the Association, for which we are very grateful.

Warm regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



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October 12, 1992

Mr. Bill O'Rourke, Chairman, Hospitality Suite Committee			
Mr. Don Benjamin, Vice Chairman,	"	"	"
Mr. William Gow, Member,	"	"	"
Mr. Robert Masterjoseph, Member,	"	"	"
Mr. William Stojack, Member,	"	"	"

Gentlemen,

Please accept, on behalf of myself and the Association, our sincere gratitude for assisting in the conduct of SOAR XVI, through you management of our Hospitality Suite. Your tasks were time consuming and not easy ones; their accomplishments contributed greatly to the success of our reunion.

Due to our increased attendance, the management of this year's Hospitality Suite required greater effort than in the past. Your diligence and genuine desire to provide service and a congenial atmosphere was brought to my attention on several occasions by the membership.

Once again, thank you for serving your organization.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



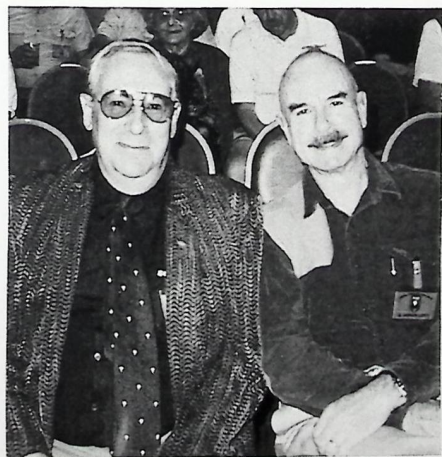
WHILE PEZZELLE TELLS BAHR
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JACK, FRED & JOHN CONDUCT
A TRI-SERVICE CONFERENCE,
WES KOUNS WONDERS WHERE IN
THE HELL THE FOOD IS.



PAT MAHONEY, BEN BAKER & DALE BENNETT



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October 13, 1992

Mr. Ben Baker, Chairman, Memorabilia Sales
Mr. Ross Bailey, Member, " " "
Mr. Dale Bennett, Member, " " "
Mr. Ken Gaudet, Member, " " "
Mr. Bob Masterjoseph, Member, " "

Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Association and myself, please accept our sincere appreciation for managing the sales effort of our Memorabilia Sales during SOAR XVI.

It is through efforts, such as your, that we are able to support our Scholarship Fund. Your service to the Association during the reunion greatly enhanced our ability to sustain this most worthy of causes.

I'm certain you will take personal pride in knowing that you have helped the Association to contribute over \$47,000 to 19 of our very deserving dependents in their quest for a higher education.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



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October 12, 1992

Mr. Ronald Schrumpf
Mr. William Stojack

Gentlemen,

On behalf of both, the Association and myself, please accept our sincere expression of thanks for your efforts in making the conduct of SOAR XVI a memorable and enjoyable one.

Your endeavors in the pre-reunion and post-reunion positioning of our storage items greatly contributed to a successful reunion. As our Association's reunions grow in magnitude, so do the support requirements. Your efforts are duly noted and genuinely appreciated.

Best regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



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SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F
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October 16, 1992

Mr. Jon Cavaiani, MH
PO Box 125
Ballico, CA 95303

Dear Jon,

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, I would like, on behalf of the entire Association, to warmly welcome you to the Special Operations Association. It is an honor and pleasure to have you as a member in our organization.

Next, and equally important, I wish to commend you for the assistance you provided to our reunion registration activities. You came in, introduced yourself, registered and then asked, "What can I do to help?" If that's not "hitting the ground running", I've never seen it! And that was during the first moments of the first SOAR you had ever attended! Your assistance was indeed welcome, very contributory and an example for others to emulate - both, those members of long standing and recent joiners, as well. Thank you for your help, sir.

Again Jon, we're proud to have you.

Warm regards,

Jack Abraham,
President

JA/jj



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October 7, 1992

Special Operations Association
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Dear Sirs:

My name is Dawn McMaster and my father was a Green Beret during the Vietnam war. He was killed in action on November 1, 1967, his twenty-third birthday. From information that I have been able to gather (which isn't a lot) I have reason to believe that he was involved in Special Operation Pheonix when he died. It is my hopes that your organization could possibly assist me in locating some of the men that served with my father.

I am specifically looking for Daryl Tilley III, SP-5 RA19842774. He was with B-32 Adv. Tn. #90 in Vietnam. He was not stationed with my dad in Vietnam, but he was a good friend of my fathers here in California.

My fathers name was Don Albert Hawkins Sgt E-5, RA19853396. He was with Co. A 7th SF Gp (Abn) 1st SF. When he got to Vietnam he was switched to the 5th SF Gp and was with the C&C Detachment FOB #1. His Lieutenant was Lt. Michael H. Rollinson.

I have enclosed a copy of my fathers orders to Vietnam. I have located one person on his orders, Fred Zabitowsky and he remembered my dad but did not know him well. I would reeaaly like to find someone who was with my dad when died.

I would appreciate any help that your organization could give me. If you have a newsletter or publication, please send me more information on how to subscribe. Thank you for your time and any assistance that you can give.

Sincerely,

Dawn A. McMaster



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October 28, 1992

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Austin, TX 78720

Attn: Jack B. Abraham, President

Re: Reunion AD

Dear Mr. Abraham:

Please place the following ad for a Gladiator Reunion in your next publication:

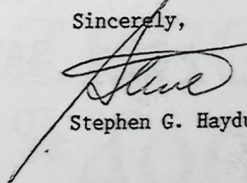
"GLADIATORS" 57th A.H.C. REUNION

The "Gladiators", Kontum, AnKhe, & Pleiku, Vietnam 1967-73 will hold their first ever reunion at the Twin Towers Hotel & Convention Center, Orlando, Florida, March 4-8, 1993. All company members as well as CCC members are welcome. For information contact:

Gladiator Reunion Committee
c/o Steve Hayduk
3 Old Field Lane
Mt. Sinai, NY 11766
(516)474-4567

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Stephen G. Hayduk

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

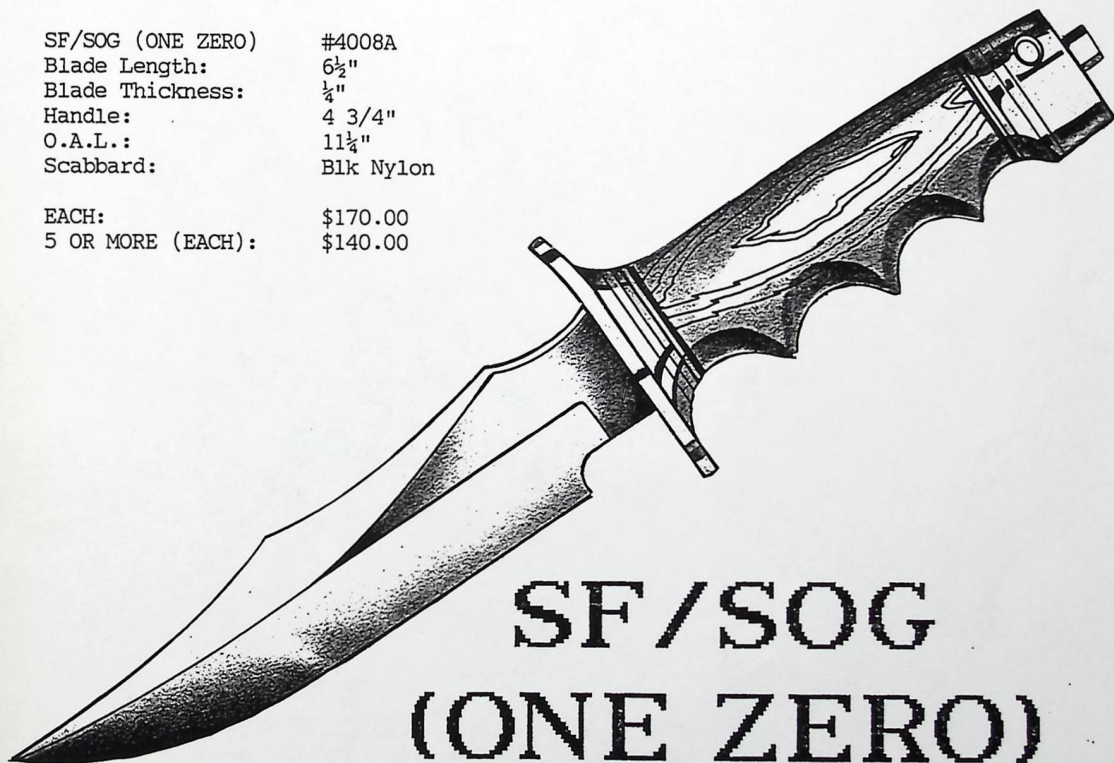
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