



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

SUBJECT: Spring 1993 Newsletter

TO: Special Operations Association (SOA) Membership

PURPOSE. To provide the members with a brief update on the status of our organization, and inform each of you of various events that have occurred since our last meeting in Las Vegas.

TAPS: Fellow members of SOA, it is my sad duty to inform you that we have lost two of our valued comrades since our last meeting in Las Vegas.

George W. "Bill" Moore, Member 873-G passed away in early December 1992 at his home in Texas. A memorial service was held at Saint Michaels Catholic Church and burial was at Pecan Grove Cemetery in McKinney, Texas. Full military honors were provided by past and present SF Chapter XXXI members, Harvey Cox, Jim Selders, Bill Busby, Chris Murfree, Jim-Pat Mills, Charlie Barksdale, and Travis Mills. Bill will be missed by all. Please note that the above information was extracted from the TAPS section of the SF Association Drop, Spring 1993 Edition.

Walter Shumate, Member 144-L has gone on to be with those we honor with a moment of silence and respect each time we meet. Walt passed away in Fayetteville on 1 March 1993. The memory of our association with Walt, both during war and peace will continue with us forever. May Walt find solace with our comrades who reside in a more peaceful place. NOTE: See additional comments by Cliff Newman at enclosure.

On behalf of the members, and many friends of George and Walt, I wish to extend our sincere condolences, and deepest sympathy to the wives, and family of each member. George and Walt will be sorely missed by all of us in the Special Operations Association.

### GENERAL COMMENT:

Since I assumed the role of President on 1 Jan 93 there seems to be no end to the correspondence I receive. My fourth grade education did not prepare me as an authority on all the subjects I am requested to address. You folks should have warned me that I needed to be able to read and write. Just kidding guys, it was a little over four years that I spent in the schoolhouse. With the assistance of the BOD, I think we can keep our head above water, and our association somewhat respectable. Anyway, here goes with my first newsletter.



SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT HAVE BEEN KEEPING IN TOUCH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

\* Jack Abraham - Jack has kept me busy with his fax machine and many informative letters regarding the actions required in taking care of the administration of our organization. Thanks! Jack. Also note that Jack is now handling the Memorabilia Sales and Reunion Committee. He is looking for someone to assume the Memorabilia Sales responsibility in the forthcoming year. Please send your suggestions to me at the address listed in the SOA roster if you are interested in assuming this responsibility.

\* Bernie Alguire - Bernie checked in with his 93 dues and a short note to say he is still active with the a sky diving folks. He volunteered to participate in any forthcoming jump we may have scheduled during SOAR XVII. Thanks, Bernie.

\* Eric Anderson - Eric submitted a suggestion that SOA support a recommendation to the Department of Army that MACVSOG members be awarded the Air Assault Badge. He noted that MACVSOG was the first to develop and perfect the use of helicopters to: 1. Gather Intelligence, 2. Insert and Extract Personnel, 3. Use as Rappelling platforms, and 4. Use in operating deep in enemy held areas. I can vouch for that, Eric. What does the membership think? Send me your comments.

\* Don "Ranger" Beebe - Don checked in by phone to update his address and phone number. He has recently moved from Las Vegas to Albuquerque, NM. Don sends a big hello to all his friends in SOA. Cheers! Don, see you at SOAR XVII in Las Vegas.

\* Walter (Batman) Boyling - A recent update of Batmans location indicates he has moved back to West Virginia. Walters new address is: P.O. Box 2208, Beckley, WV 25802. Walter, keep us informed on how things go in WV, and watch your health. We all expect to see you in Las Vegas at SOAR XVII.

\* Dick Cole - Dick sent in a new address and an interesting cartoon (see below). He tells me he is planning to return to the land of the big PX in the near future. We are waiting, Dick.

\* Ray Dawson - Ray called recently to up date me on his health, and to inform me that he and Pat would make every effort to attend SOAR XVII. Ray has been having some trouble with his back since taking a bad fall. Keep hanging in there Ray! See you in Vegas.

\* Sully DeFontaine - Photo request, and offer of assistance from the SF Chapter in Las Vegas in preparing for SOAR XVII. Thanks Sully, I know we can count on you guys when we need help.

\* Hilaire DuBerrier - Hilaire checked in from Monte Carlo, Monaco with a copy of his foreign affairs newsletter, and a short note. Page 4 of the newsletter contained some interesting comments on Mr. Lloyd Bentsen and friends. Can't comment on this Hilaire. Thanks!

\* Paul M. Duffy - Paul is one of our Australian friends who was kind enough to drop me a line and donate a very good book on the History of the Australian Special Air Service (SAS) Regiment. The book will be available in our raffle at SOAR XVII. Thanks! Paul.

\* Ms. Rhonda Brown-Esponiza is looking for some information about her father who is listed as MIA. I am informed by Sneaky White that her father may be the same MSG George Ronald (RON) Brown who was lost during a CCN operation in the Savannakhet Province, 15 miles inside Laos, northeast of Tchepone on 28 March 1968. Anyone who has information regarding MSG Brown should contact Ronda at 3555 Simsbury Court, Carlsbad, CA 92008. Thanks, folks.

\* Avio Feola - Adam Husar informed me that Avio was having some heart problems, but is hanging in there. Avio, as an old heart patient, here is some encouragement. I am an example of the old saying "it ain't over till its over", so old pal, keep hanging in there. We need your happy face at SOAR XVII.

\* Jerry Ginder - Jerry, is continuing to risk life and limb with his freefall parachuting activity. Clay Scott tells me he now has over 50 Jumps. At this rate Jerry will probably be qualified to apply for a C-License in skydiving prior to our next reunion. Keep charging Jerry, we support you all the way. I'm looking forward to seeing you and Tania in Vegas again this year. No more bungee jumping for me though. Ha!

\* Adam Husar - Adam checked in to say he did not receive his AAR for SOAR XVI, I delivered a copy to him and had a nice visit. Adam is doing well, and sends greetings to all. He promised to be in attendance at SOAR XVII. Cheers, Adam.

\* James Lewis - Had a card from Jim recently, he informs me he suffered a stroke in December last year, but is recovering nicely. Promised to see us at SOAR XVII. Hang in there Jim, we will keep a seat open for you.

\* John McClaskey - John checked in and informed me he is preparing a draft SOP for use in handling the administration of SOA. A particular need is procedures and a checklist covering the many requirements when organizing and contracting for our reunion. Any help the members can provide John in his effort will be appreciated. Contact John at his address listed in our SOA roster.

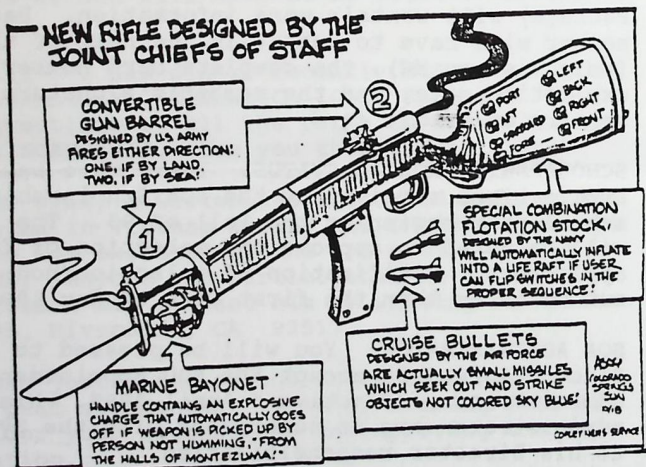
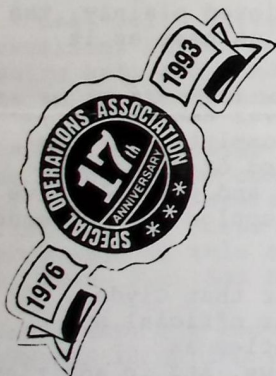


THE IRS TAX EXEMPT STATUS OF THE SOA: When the SOA was incorporated in the State of Texas (from California) it lost its income tax exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). It also lost its exemption from State franchise taxes and State sales tax. It was also assigned a new Employer Identification Number (EIN) which, by the way, was passed out to the Membership at SOAR XVI (EIN #74-2619854). The SOA Treasurer has completed and sent to the IRS all the paperwork and backup material needed to receive tax-exemption under Section 501 (c) (19). It also cost us a fee of \$375. Once this exemption has been received (another 30-60 days) from the IRS, the State of Texas will allow us exemption from franchise taxes and sales taxes...the SOA is late in filing with the State of Texas the annually required Franchise Tax Report, but they are aware of our glitch with the IRS and are awaiting approval of our application. The treasurer has forwarded copies of all applications, paperwork, etc., we've had with the IRS to the Tax Exempt Division of the Comptroller's office, State of Texas, and kept them fully informed. Ralf anticipates no lasting problem with approval of our application to the IRS or on our negotiations with the State of Texas. This whole drill has consumed an inordinate amount of time (not to mention SOA money) and it's highly recommended that the SOA Board not reincorporate in the future without really having all the facts and ramifications in great detail!

Well folks, that about covers activities up through the present. Hope this letter finds all doing well, and looking to the future.

Respectfully,

*E. Ray Whittington*  
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President, SOA







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20 March 1993

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

WALT SHUMATE PASSED AWAY ON 1 MARCH 1993.

WITHIN HOURS OF HIS PASSING WORD HAD SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE SPECIAL FORCES/ SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMUNITIES, AND PEOPLE STARTED MAKING THEIR PLANS TO PAY THEIR LAST RESPECTS. HOTELS AND MOTELS IN AND AROUND FAYETTEVILLE STARTED FILLING UP RAPIDLY. I HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SPENDING A WEEKS VACATION VISITING WALT AND HIS FAMILY; AND, SADLY HAD TO TURN AROUND AND GO BACK AGAIN.

THE FAMILY HAD PLANNED ON RECEIVING FRIENDS AND CONDUCTING A ROSARY ON FRIDAY, 5 MARCH AT THE JERNIGAN-WARREN FUNERAL HOME IN FAYETTEVILLE AT 1900 HOURS. I ARRIVED AT ABOUT 1930 AND COULD NOT FIND A PLACE TO PARK. THERE WAS "STANDING ROOM ONLY" IN THE FUNERAL HOME. ALTHOUGH WALT'S FAMILY WAS WELL AWARE OF HIS POPULARITY, I DON'T THINK ANYONE EXPECTED SUCH A TURN OUT. IT WAS LIKE A REUNION. NOT TO ATTEMPT TO MAKE LIGHT OF A SAD SITUATION, BUT I THINK IT IS RELEVANT TO SAY THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN SO MANY SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL IN ONE PLACE AT ONE TIME, ALL SOBER. I FEEL THAT FACT ALONE DISPLAYS THE RESPECT WALT'S PEERS HAD FOR HIM.

A MEMORIAL MASS WAS CONDUCTED ON SATURDAY, 6 MARCH AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN FAYETTEVILLE. THE FAMILY HAD ORIGINALLY WANTED TO HAVE THE SERVICES AT THE JFK CHAPEL, BUT THEY REALIZED THAT THE CHAPEL'S CAPACITY WAS NOT ADEQUATE AND HELEN DID NOT WANT ANY MOURNERS TO HAVE TO STAND. IT WAS A GOOD DECISION AS SAINT PATRICK'S WAS FULL AND I BELIEVE IT CAN ACCOMMODATE UP TO 1200 PEOPLE. SOA MEMBER AND WALT'S CLOSE FRIEND, CHUCK ODORIZZI, DELIVERED A MOST APPROPRIATE EULOGY.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE SERVICES THE CONGREGATION MOVED TO FT. BRAGG WHERE ONE OF WALT'S LAST WISHES WAS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE. WALT HAD REQUESTED THAT HIS ASHES BE SPREAD OVER AN AREA OF FT. BRAGG THAT WAS VERY DEAR TO HIM. I WAS HONORED TO HAVE BEEN ASKED TO BE PART OF THE CEREMONY. THE SPREADING OF HIS ASHES WAS TO BE DONE BY FREE-FALL PARACHUTISTS FROM 10,500 FEET. ALL THE JUMPERS WERE CLOSE FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF WALT. THE DETAIL WAS LED BY MAJOR GENERAL BILL GARRISON AND CONDUCTED IN TWO PARTS. FIRST, SINCE THE GENERAL WAS JUMPING, STRICT MILITARY HALO PROCEDURES HAD TO BE ADHERED TO. FOUR JUMPERS EXITED A "SHORTS" 330 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT, FOLLOWED IN THREE MINUTES BY SEVEN MORE JUMPERS IN A UH-60B BLACK HAWK. EACH OF THE JUMPERS HAD A PORTION OF WALT'S ASHES AND WE SUCCESSFULLY CARRIED OUT HIS LAST WISHES. AN OFFICIAL JUMP MANIFEST WAS MADE WITH THE LAST ENTRY READING: "SERGEANT MAJOR WALT SHUMATE - FINAL DROP".

THE NEXT PHASE OF WALT'S LAST WISHES WAS TO TAKE PLACE AT THE GREEN BERET SPORT PARACHUTE CLUB. ANOTHER "STANDING ROOM ONLY" EVENT. WALT HAD DESIGNATED FUNDS TO BE USED IN JUST SUCH A MANNER. NEEDLESS TO SAY "SHUMATE" STORIES ABOUNDED AND "MILLER LITE" FLOWED FREELY.

WALT WAS SENT OFF IN GRAND FASHION AND IN A MANNER WITH WHICH I KNOW HE WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD.

I WOULD LIKE TO INTERJECT SOME PERSONAL THOUGHTS. MY PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS NOT TO BE AN EULOGY. I ONLY WANTED TO INFORM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOA AS TO THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE. HOWEVER, I FEEL COMPELLED TO ADD SOME MORE.

ALL OF US WHO HAVE SERVED IN COMBAT IN ONE CAPACITY OR ANOTHER HAVE BEEN HONORED IN SOME WAY BY AN AWARD, HAND SHAKE, PROMOTION OR SIMPLY AN "ATTA-BOY". WE CARRY THOSE PERSONAL THOUGHTS WITH US FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES. I HAVE NOT WORN MY BERET FOR 20 YEARS. AFTER WE HAD SPREAD WALT'S ASHES AND LINED UP BEHIND THE GENERAL IN UNIFORM, THE FLAG WAS FOLDED, THE 21 GUN SALUTE WAS FIRED AND TAPS BLOWN, THE LAST 20 YEARS HAD DISAPPEARED. I HAVE NEVER FELT SO HUMBLY PROUD OR HONORED AS AT THAT MOMENT. I KNOW ALL THE OTHERS IN THAT DETAIL FELT THE SAME. WALT HAD TOUCHED MY LIFE IN JUST SUCH A MANNER. I REMEMBER MY CHILDHOOD DAYS OF LOOKING UP TO A FOOTBALL COACH OR SOMEONE ELSE I WANTED TO EMULATE. THAT WAS HOW I FELT ABOUT WALT. TO HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED HIS FRIEND AND CONFIDANT, AND TO HAVE BEEN WELCOMED INTO HIS FAMILY IS ONE OF THE GREATEST THINGS THAT HAS HAPPENED TO ME. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT WHEN MY TIME COMES TO MEET MY MAKER ONE OF MY FINAL THOUGHTS WILL BE OF THAT TIME WHEN I COULD DON MY BERET ONE MORE TIME AND OF WALT SHUMATE.

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### TREASURER (SOA UPDATE)

As of March 1, 1993

Operations account cash	\$5020
Scholarship account cash	\$6348
Life member account cash	\$4828
Convention account cash	\$2806

Total cash: \$19,002

#### CDs

Life Mbr 2yr \$25,000 @3.75%	Matures 10-28-94	Interest to acct
Scholshp 2yr \$15,000 @3.75%	Matures 10-28-94	Interest to acct
Scholshp 2yr \$12,400 @4.25%	Matures 01-08-95	Interest to acct

#### EE Savings Bonds

Cost \$15,000/Maturity value \$30,000 Purchased Nov 92  
Cost \$15,000/Maturity value \$30,000 Purchased Jan 93

Total \$82,400 in CDs and EE Savings Bonds  
+ \$19,002 in cash

TOTAL: \$101,402

Does not include Memorabilia Sales...

EE bonds pay 6% minimum if held 5 yrs or longer...  
...if redeemed before 5 years, will draw a minimum of 5.16%  
...Maturity for bonds at 6% is 12 yrs..if kept, can earn interest  
for 30 years. Interest is variable, but these bonds will never  
be less than 6%.

RALF MILLER  
Treasurer, SOA

# INACTIVE MEMBERS

663-G	ACOSTA, ABE	18-G	DEVERE, DON	230-G	JACKSON, FRED	32-G	MOORE, FRANK	507-G	SORSBY, TERRY
368-G	AIELLO, RALPH	255-G	DOBBS, WILLIAM E.	296-G	JACOBSON, ROY	462-G	HORRUM, JOHN	537-G	SPENCER, JAMES A.
338-G	ALFORD, WILLIAM	463-G	DOMING, LAWRENCE	679-G	JALLOMAT, RICHARD	543-G	MURPHY, MICHAEL	842-G	SRUMPH, RONALD LEE
289-G	ALLEN, HARDY L.H.	510-G	DOFFONE, DENNIS	399-G	JENKS, DAVID L.	790-G	MURPHY, DON F.	702-G	STACEY, GORDON
487-G	ANDERSON, JOSEPH	578-G	DROUILLARD, JIM	868-G	JENSEN, PAUL RAY	673-G	MYER, LILLBURN	744-G	STAHLE, MICHAEL
489-G	ANDERSON, KENNETH	305-A	JORDAN, DAVID	461-G	JUNKINS, JEFFREY	204-G	NESOM, ROBERT	429-A	STUBBE, RAY
512-G	ANDERSON, DON (DOC)	311-G	ECKLES, MERLYN D.	373-G	KAPES, JERRY	912-G	NORD, FREDERIC J.	840-G	SUGAR, HOWARD
343-G	ANTHONY, JAY	797-G	EDELGUTH, RICHARD M.	235-G	KARELL, CLARK	66-G	NGHTA, LEU QUAN	865-G	SUTTON, RICHARD O.
752-G	ARLSON, LARRY	585-G	FAULK, HAL	539-G	KAY, SR., JAMES EMMET	293-G	O'DONNELL, THOMAS	855-G	TAYLOR, ROBERT
518-G	ARELLANO, ALFRED	771-G	FOLKING, JAMES E.	701-G	KEARNS, MICHAEL	29-G	O'NEILL, BILL	688-G	THEHE, EARL
411-G	ARVIDSON, JOHN	109-G	FLAHERTY, RAY	83-G	KELLY, FRANCIS	540-G	OWENS, H.H.	306-G	THOMAS, RALPH
564-G	AUBURN, PARKER	786-A	FLYNN, JOHN S.	87-G	KELLY, JEFFREY R.	826-G	PALMER, THOMAS	78-G	TIBBITT, BILL
135-G	AVERTILL, GERALD	46-G	FOSTER, JAMES	477-G	KELLY, JEFFREY R.	630-G	PARRISH, ROBERT	509-G	TOMLIN, JOHN N.
634-G	BARN, JOHN	629-G	FRANQUET, CARL	542-A	KEMERSON, DOUGLAS	341-G	PERCHARD, JOHN	869-G	TOMSLEY, WILLIAM E.
387-G	BARRY, JOHN	587-G	FULLEN, GEOFREY	782-G	KIMURA, TY H.	240-G	PETERNS, RICHARD	769-G	TRAFFORD, MEL L.
186-G	BELL, GENE	394-G	GACHE, MARCUS MATT	562-G	KING, III, HENRY H.	813-G	PETERS, FREDERICK	382-G	TRECE, FREDDIE
217-G	BELLETTRE, FRANK	514-G	GARCIA, TOM	683-G	KING, JAY	819-G	PHILLIPS, PAUL	117-G	TRIMMER, LANCE
482-G	BERG, RICHARD	21-G	GARDNER, BARBARA	714-G	KREMA, WILLIAM	459-A	PIPPAS, GEORGE	747-G	URBANIAK, BRUNO
402-G	BLANCHI, WARREN	788-G	GARTLAND, JR., JOHN J.	601-G	KRUSEK, KENNETH F.	675-G	PIPPAS, GEORGE	336-G	URBELLS, THOMAS
724-G	BLAUAM, JOHN	160-G	GASTON, CLIFFORD	874-G	KULLBERG, KENNETH N.	733-G	PREDMORE, LAWRENCE	143-G	VALMIRIGHT, ED
532-G	BRIGHT, ERIC V.	555-G	GEORGE, MIKE	876-A	LAQUE, MICHAEL	229-G	POKER, TOM	557-G	WATTS, GREGORY
436-G	BRIGG, CLYDE	670-G	GERARD, THOMAS	464-G	LANCELOT, TRENT	733-G	PRESLEY, EULIS A.	746-G	WELCH, MICHAEL
568-G	BROKELMAN, RON	412-A	GILBERT, DAVID	727-G	LASITTER, MOSES	830-G	PRUITT, JAMES	566-G	WESTRIP, CHUCK
635-G	BROKHUSEN, RICHARD	774-G	CHITTER, REGIS	211-G	LAYTON, GILBERT	859-G	QUACKENBUSH, KEN	401-G	WHITTEN, DAVID GENE
480-G	BROWN, DOUGLAS	547-G	GOONZINS, JOHN	525-G	LAYTON, GILBERT	616-G	QUACKENBUSH, KEN	417-G	WHITWORTH, JEFFREY
421-G	BROZ, CHARLES	393-G	GORDON, DAVID	476-G	LE, HE VAN	188-G	RALPH, JOHNNY	829-G	WILMONT, JAMES H.
302-G	BRUNNI, JAMES	710-G	GRANT, JOHN	495-G	LEAR, JOHN	772-G	RANSEY, DONALD	93-G	WILSON, MARTIN
717-G	BUCKLAND, MIKE	20-G	GREENUP, AL	513-G	LE, HE VAN	385-G	WILSON, WAYNE P.	385-G	WILSON, WAYNE P.
603-A	BUCKNELL, ALLAN	707-G	GRAVETT, RONALD	542-G	LINDENFELD, FRED	595-AL	WILSON, THOMAS	595-AL	WILSON, THOMAS
692-G	BUDWAY, GEORGE	28-G	GREENUP, AL	608-G	LUSCHER, JOHN	80-G	RAUCH, LEON	233-G	WOELFEL, LOU
389-G	BUNCH, LORD	607-G	GREGORY, FRED	687-G	MAGNUS, RONALD	674-G	REISINGER, TOM	884-A	WOODSON CHARLES R.
519-G	BURKHARD, J. FRANK	304-G	GROSS, RICHARD	880-G	MACIVER, DONALD F.	267-G	RICCIARDI, BEN	838-G	WORSHAM, SCOTT C.
546-G	BYLUND, LLOYD	411-G	GUGUARA, AL	191-G	MALPHUS, ROMAN D.	297-G	RIDDLE, ROY	488-G	YOUNG, DONALD P.
339-G	CADENBACH, CHARLES	479-G	GURGANIS, LARRY (IKE)	203-G	MANN, RUSSEL	496-G	ROBINSON, RAYMOND L.		
406-G	CANE, JERRY J.	141-G	GURGANIS, LARRY (IKE)	191-G	MANN, RUSSEL	536-G	ROBINSON, KENNETH		
606-G	CARLIN, THOMAS	658-G	HAIN, KENNETH	294-G	MARQUIS, RONALD	423-G	ROEHER, JON L.		
483-G	CARRELL, JACKLYN	522-G	HALEY, GEORGE R.	787-G	MARUSTAK, GEORGE H.	111-G	SANBORN, JOHN	2-L	CHAPMAN, LESLIE
242-G	CHESTON, GARY (RANDY)	730-G	HALL, MICHAEL	650-G	MATTESON, MIKE	574-G	SANDELL, TOM	776-L	COOK, DAVID A.
264-G	CHESTON, ELLOTT	641-A	HAMMER, CURIS	182-G	MATTHEWS, JOHN	529-G	SANDERS, STEPHEN	251-L	GOHEZ, OLIVIERO
82-G	CHIARELLO, AGOSTINO	35-G	HANZCAN, FERDINAND	370-G	MCCLANCY, ROBERT	901-G	SARBER, JOHN D.	184-L	GRAHAM, ROBERT
43-G	CLOUGH, ED	225-G	HAPPERSSETT, HEULIN	224-G	MCCOLL, ALEX	549-G	SCHAAF, TIMOTHY K.	427-L	HANLON, JAMES
12-G	COBB, DON	136-G	HARDING, MICHAEL	684-G	MCELROY, JAMES D.	544-G	SCHOLZEE, STEVEN	699-HL	JACKSON, DAVID
239-G	COELHO, TONY	596-G	HARPER, HENRY	854-G	MCGRIFPERT, PETER H.	580-G	SCHOFIELD, STEVEN	878-HL	LEPOUS, HANOHU
331-G	COOK, HENRY J.	521-G	HATCHETT, WILLIAM H.	316-G	MCINTIGLE, WILLIAM	269-G	SCHOFIELD, STEVEN	471-L	HEAD, JOHN
50-G	CRAFT, ROGER	126-G	HEINER, CHUCK	287-G	MCKEVEY, WESLEY	639-G	SCHULTZ, RAYMOND	90-L	MESSINGER, KEITH
372-G	CRAWFORD, EDWARD	501-G	HERBERT, RICHARD F.	127-G	MCMULLIN, KEN	540-G	SHIPPEN, ROBERT	67-L	NADER, JERRY
681-G	CREAR, JOHN	902-A	HERNANDEZ, STEVE D.	169-G	MCNATT, RICHARD	691-G	SHIRLEY, JOHN	16-L	RODRIGUEZ, RICK
517-G	CROSSMAN, GARY	390-G	HIGLEY, JR., WAYNE E.	345-G	HEAD, JOSEPH	841-G	SHORTEN, JAMES	591-L	ROUSH, JERRY
79-G	CUNNINGHAM, TOM	523-G	HILL, GEORGE W.	149-G	HEDER, ROLAND	325-G	SLATTEN, VANN	119-L	RYDER, DAVID
54-G	DANIEL, LES	292-G	HOAG, KENNETH	466-G	MILLER, WAYNE A.	25-G	SLATTEN, JIM	142-L	SARKOVICS, JERRY
584-G	DANIELS, III, TOM	478-G	HOLLENBACH, BILL	660-G	MINER, LOUIS	257-G	SMITH, PAUL	38-L	STIGOM, JESSE
713-G	DAY, JAMES	164-G	HOUSTON, EVERETT	850-G	MITCHELL, JIM D.	347-G	SMITH, VICTOR	138-L	SMITH, THOMAS
205-G	DEAN, EDWIN	590-G	HUGHES, JERRY	633-G	MORRIS, ROBERT	437-G	SMITH, TIMOTHY C.	337-L	STANDFIER, DAVID
485-G	DELANE, JOHN A.	457-G	HUNT, GEORGE W.	48-G	MULLICA, LEONARD	816-G	Snyder, KENNETH G.	270-L	VASEY, LEWIS
485-G	DELANE, JOHN A.	457-G	HUNT, GEORGE W.	48-G	MULLICA, LEONARD	816-G	Snyder, KENNETH G.	137-L	WESTALL, BYRON
485-G	DELANE, JOHN A.	457-G	HUNT, GEORGE W.	48-G	MULLICA, LEONARD	816-G	Snyder, KENNETH G.	640-L	WILKERSON, R.H.

## LOST SOULS

2-L	CHAPMAN, LESLIE
776-L	COOK, DAVID A.
251-L	GOHEZ, OLIVIERO
184-L	GRAHAM, ROBERT
427-L	HANLON, JAMES
699-HL	JACKSON, DAVID
878-HL	LEPOUS, HANOHU
471-L	HEAD, JOHN
90-L	MESSINGER, KEITH
67-L	NADER, JERRY
16-L	RODRIGUEZ, RICK
591-L	ROUSH, JERRY
119-L	RYDER, DAVID
142-L	SARKOVICS, JERRY
38-L	STIGOM, JESSE
138-L	SMITH, THOMAS
337-L	STANDFIER, DAVID
270-L	VASEY, LEWIS
137-L	WESTALL, BYRON
640-L	WILKERSON, R.H.



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS

## ASSOCIATION REUNION

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### SOAR XVII

29 SEP - 03 OCT 93

UNION PLAZA HOTEL  
*LAS VEGAS, NV*

THE UNION PLAZA HOTEL REPEATS AS OUR  
HOST HOTEL. PLAN TO ATTEND OUR BEST  
REUNION YET. RENEW OLD FRIENDSHIPS,  
AND MEET NEW FRIENDS. A PARTY WILL  
BE HAD BY ALL.

WHEN MAKING RESERVATIONS, CALL  
1-800-634-6575  
AND GIVE OUR GROUP TITLE,  
SOAR XVII

ROOM RATE: \$32.00 !!  
EARLY REGISTRATION: \$80.00 !!



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

5130 E. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 5-583F  
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## SOAR XVII

### Tentative Schedule of Events

#### WEDNESDAY, 29 SEP 93

1200 - ???? Hospitality Room  
1000 - 1400 Late Registration

#### THURSDAY, 30 SEP 93

0900 - ???? Hospitality Room  
1000 - 1400 Late Registration

#### FRIDAY, 1 OCT 93

0900 - ???? Hospitality Room  
0900 - 1700 Late Registration  
1200 - 1330 Thai Cuisine Luncheon (Hosted by SOA)  
1430 - 1630 Board of Directors Meeting

#### SATURDAY, 2 OCT 93

0900 - 1800 Hospitality Room  
0900 - 1000 Late Registration  
1000 - 1200 General Membership Meeting  
1230 - 1330 Lunch (Hosted by SOA)  
1800 - 1900 Cocktails (Hosted by SOA)  
1900 - 2015 Posting of Colors/Banquet  
2015 - 2030 Introduction of BOD/VIPs  
2030 - 2045 Retirement of Colors  
2045 - 2130 Raffle  
2130 - ???? Hospitality Room

#### SUNDAY, 3 OCT 93

0800 - 1200 Hospitality Room  
1200 - Closing of Hospitality Room  
NLT 1200 Hotel Check-Out/Departures

#### MONDAY, 4 OCT 93

NLT 1200 Hotel Check-Out/Departures



1993 SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CONVENTION  
HOTEL REGISTRATION

## RATES

Single Occupancy	-	\$ 74.00
Double Occupancy	-	\$ 74.00
Triple Occupancy	-	\$ 74.00
Quad Occupancy	-	\$ 74.00

\*Government Identification must be shown at check-in to receive this rate. Children age 18 and under and sharing the room with an adult are free. The rate for additional persons over age 18 is \$15.00 per person. If rate requested is not available, next rate will apply. All rates are subject to prevailing taxes (currently 12.25%).

We offer shuttle service between the airport and the hotel.

Reservations received after May 26, 1993  
will be confirmed on a space available basis.

## ARRIVAL

Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

For the convenience of your room assignment, we recommend you arrive in the late afternoon. If you plan to arrive earlier, we cannot guarantee room occupancy.

DEPARTURE

Check-in 3pm Date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_

Check-out 1pm	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Requested
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☐ Mr.  
☐ Mrs.  
☐ Ms.

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ROOM  
WITH

COMPANY  
NAME

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Code

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

718

All reservations must be accompanied by one night's deposit (refunds will only be made when cancellation is received at least 24 hours prior to arrival).

☐ Deposit enclosed    ☐ I authorize the Sheraton Hotel to charge my account for one night's deposit.  
☐ AMEX    ☐ VISA    ☐ MC    ☐ CB    ☐ DC    ☐ Discover

**Special Requests (subject to availability):**

☐ King bed ☐ Two double beds  
☐ Rollaway bed (\$15.00) ☐ Crib (\$15.00)  
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☐ Connecting room to that reserved by:

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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REFUNDS WILL BE MADE IF THE RESERVATION IS CANCELLED 24 HOURS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL.

Sheraton Club International Membership #:

Mail this to the Sheraton Music City, 777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214 or call (615) 885-2200

## GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION

Date, Time and Location: Monday 28 June 1993, 0900 hours; Cole Park Golf Course, Fort Campbell, KY.

Players: Limited to 72 players. Open to SFA members and their guests only.

Type of Play: Four-man team scramble best-ball. Blind draw for teams and starting holes. No handicap required. USGA winter rules.

Prizes will be awarded to each member of the first, second and third place teams; longest drive, closest to the pin, and oldest and youngest players. All players will get a free cap and bag tag.

**\$35.00 per player includes green fees and 1/2 of a cart. Entries must be postmarked NLT 18 June 1993.**

Make checks payable to Chapter 38, SFA

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of a golf club that has interchangeable privileges with Cole Park Golf Club, Fort Campbell, KY?

Yes      No

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION  
NATIONAL CONVENTION 1993 ITINERARY  
SPONSORED BY CHAPTER XXXVIII  
41st ANNIVERSARY

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No. \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (Day) \_\_\_\_\_ (Night) \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for myself and \_\_\_\_\_ guests. (\$65.00 per person for all functions). If you do not desire to attend all functions, please indicate your choice: Cost per function is indicated beside function. Picnic: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$18.00) Reception: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10.00) Banquet \_\_\_\_\_ (\$19.00) Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20.00)

Please make checks or money orders payable to: SFA Convention 93, P.O. Box 223, Ft. Campbell, Kentucky 42223.

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

For Hotel reservations please call the Sheraton Music City Hotel, 777 McGavock Pike at Century City, Nashville, Tennessee 37214. Phone for information/reservation confirmation: (615) 885-2200 Fax: (615) 871-0926.

#### AIRLINE RESERVATIONS

For Airline reservations please contact Pennyrite Travel Company, 1110 S. Main St., Hopkinsville, KY 42240. Toll Free phone Number: 1 (800) 992-1102. Mr. Tim Kittell is the official travel representative for SFA Convention 93.

#### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

26 June (Sat):	0001-2400	Arrival and Hotel Registration
27 June (Sun):	0900-1800	Arrival, Hotel and Convention Registration
	1800-2400	Hospitality Room hosted by Chapter XXXVIII
*Note: Appropriate tickets required for Hospitality Room, additionally appropriate tickets will be required throughout convention for all functions.		
28 June (Mon):	0900-1200	Arrivals, Hotel and Convention Registration
	0700-?	Preparation to depart for Golf Tournament at Ft. Campbell.
	1000-?	Golf Tournament at Cole Park Golf Course Ft. Campbell, Ky.
	0900-?	Ladies events, Tours, Shopping, etc.
	1500-1800	Hospitality Room, Hosted by Chapter XXXVIII.
	1900-2400	Reception, Plantation Ballroom, Sheraton Music City Hotel. <i>Music Casual Dress</i>
29 June (Tue)	0900-?	Depart for Ft. Campbell by bus.
	1030-?	Tour of 5th Special Forces Group Facilities and Ft. Campbell (Museum).
	1200-?	Picnic at Son DZ, Ft. Campbell (Co-sponsored by Oak Grove, KY. Chamber of Commerce).
	1400-1500	5th SFG (A) Demonstration, Son DZ, Ft. Campbell
	1500-1700	Depart Ft. Campbell Ky, and return to Hotel.
	1800-2400	Hospitality Room open.
30 June (Wed)	0900-?	Meeting, National Board and Chapter Presidents in Plantation Ballroom (Saloons A and B). Nashville tours available.
	1300-1500	General Membership Meeting, Plantation Ballroom (Saloons A and B).
	1500-1700	Hospitality Room
	1900-0100	Banquet
	1900-2000	Cocktails
	2000-2100	Dinner
	2100-0100	Dancing, Drinking and General Revelry to celebrate 41 years of Special Forces.
01 July (Thu)	0900-1300	Hotel checkout and departure.
	1300-?	Hospitality Room open.

NOTE: All drinks in the hospitality room will be free for paying members and those who have purchased hospitality room tickets. Those without tickets will be required to pay as you go. Drinks at the reception and Banquet will be on a pay as you go basis as the Hotel has reserved the right to set up the bars that night.



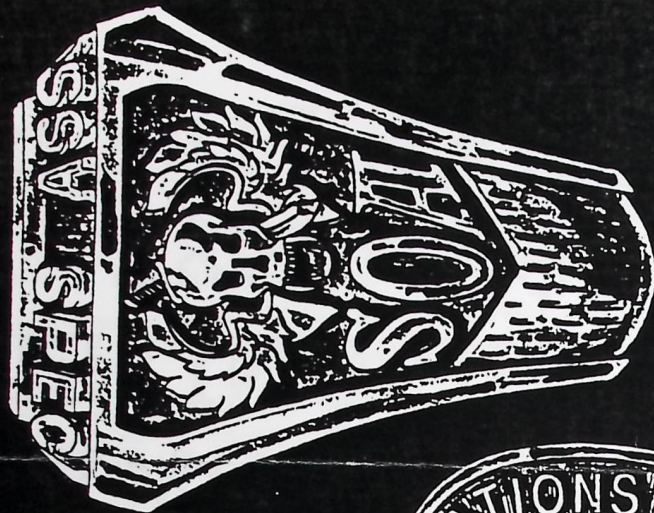
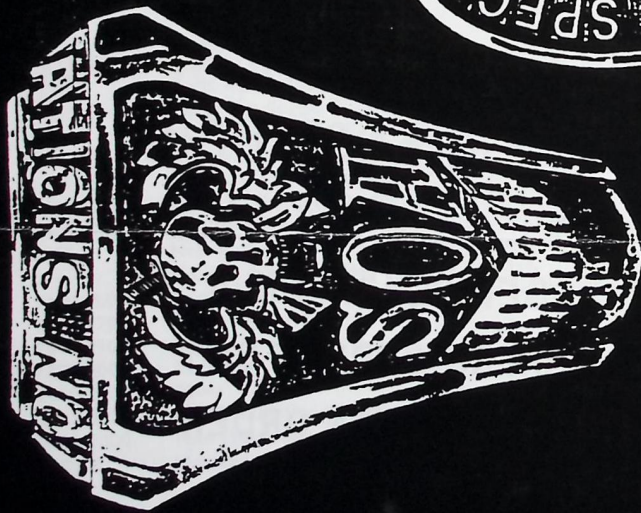
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CCN, CCC OR CCS, 3 1/4 x 4 1/4"	8.00	_____	_____
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LAPEL PINS, SOA CREST	3.50	_____	_____
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SOA BULLION BLAZER PATCH	25.00	_____	_____
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
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SF/SOG (ONE ZERO)	#4008A
Blade Length:	6½"
Blade Thickness:	⅜"
Handle:	4 3/4"
O.A.L.:	11¼"
Scabbard:	Blk Nylon

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A long term SF-trooper has put together a comprehensive history of the "Regiment." From its antecedents in WW II and Korea to DELTA SFOD today, Sutherland covers Unit Histories (including reserve and provisional units), Uniforms and Insignia, Missions, Equipment, Training and Tactics.

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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