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PRE-REUNION PACKET
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ASSOCIATION REUNION

SOAR XVIII
28 SEP - 2 OCT 1994

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SOAR XVIII

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 28 SEP 94

1000 - ???? HOSPITALITY ROOM
1000 - 1400 LATE REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, 29 SEP 94

0900 - ???? HOSPITALITY ROOM
0900 - 1700 LATE REGISTRATION

FRIDAY, 30 SEP 94

0900 - ???? HOSPITALITY ROOM
0900 - 1700 LATE REGISTRATION
1200 - 1330 LUNCH (HOSTED BY SOA)
1430 - 1630 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

SATURDAY, 01 OCT 94

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, 02 OCT 94

0800 - 1200 HOSPITALITY ROOM
1200 CLOSING OF HOSPITALITY ROOM
NLT 1200 HOTEL CHECK-OUT

MONDAY, 03 OCT 94

NLT 1200 HOTEL CHECK-OUT



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SOAR XVIII PRE-REUNION INFORMATION

1. It's SOAR time again. Arrangements have been finalized to conduct SOAR XVIII at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NV starting at 1000 hours on 28 September and ending at 1200 hours on 2 October. Jack Abraham, Reunion Chairman and his committee have done a great job getting things organized for the reunion and from all indications it will be another good one.

2. Registration rates remain at \$80 for early registration--the same as the past two years. In order to take advantage of this 20% saving you must get your registration form and fee to Ralf Miller, SOA Treasurer, NLT 15 September. All registrations received after 15 Sep or at the reunion site will be \$100 per person. In addition to paying by check, you also have the option of using your Mastercard or Visa charge cards. As in past years, we have structured the registration fees so that the reunion will pay for itself. Specifically, we do not wish to incur a loss and have to take funds from dedicated accounts 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. This applies to Mastercard/Visa charge backs (returned/not honored) as well. Your support of this policy is appreciated. (See enclosed registration form for details.)

3. Room rates at the Plaza Hotel remain the same as last year--\$32.00 plus tax, total \$35.20 per night. In order to take advantage of this special SOA rate you must provide the Plaza Hotel the reservation request NLT 28 August. If you require handicapped facilities and/or desire non-smoking rooms, you must specify when making reservations. For the past couple of years the hotel has not been able to honor late requests and some members had to stay in other hotels. A hotel registration envelope is enclosed for your use. (Plaz a Hotel Phone 1-800-634-6575.)

4. **Help - Help!!!** We need volunteers to assist in the conduct of our reunion. Specifically, we need help in the management of the hospitality suite. This is a two shift per day requirement, and is the major area we spend during our reunion. Also direly needed are volunteers for memorabilia sales, VIP escorts and pre/post reunion logistical support. If you can be of any assistance in any of these areas, please indicate so on the registration form. YOUR HELP WILL BE APPRECIATED BY ALL. THANKS!!!

5. The registration gift this year will be a 6-pack cooler with SOA Logo imprinted on the side. Based on the volume of beer consumed at our reunions, the Board of Directors thought a cooler would be put to good use by most of the membership. (After the reunion of course-- 6-pack fill ups are not permitted from the hospitality suite.)

6. Our Hospitality Room and Registration area will be located on the third floor of the hotel in the same area as past reunions. This area is identified by the management as the Turf Club and Derby Terrace.

7. Guests are welcome to attend our reunions, however, guests will not be permitted to attend without the attendance of the sponsoring SOA member. In the past we have had instances where a guest arrived and the SOA member did not.

8. Vendors are reminded that the Vendor fee will be \$75 per table for the entire reunion. Those that wish to offer items for sale at SOAR XVIII should ensure they contact Jack Abraham NLT 30 August at 1-512-258-7798. Vendor tables will be closed NLT 1200, Sunday 02 October. NO EXCEPTIONS.

9. Located within the PRP is the information on the SOA ring. I am sure most of you have seen the ring since it has been available for a couple of years, but for those that have not, the picture speaks for itself. We would like to place an order for the rings by 1 August. (This will enable us to have the rings before SOAR XVIII.) So, if you want a ring, get your order in to Moe Blakey, Chairman, Memorabilia Sales. (See enclosed information sheet on ring and memorabilia sales envelope.)

10. Also enclosed in the PRP is the ballot for the 1995-96 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. (Reminder--only "General" members, including those members that are "Life-General" may vote in the SOA. Associate and Honorary members are not permitted to vote IAW SOA Constitution & By-Laws.)

11. Enclosed in each PRP are 10 tickets (costing \$5.00 each) for The George C. Morton Memorial Fund Raffle. Like last year we will be raffling three EE Savings Bonds valued at \$2000, \$1000 and \$500, respectively. The raffle will be conducted following the banquet on Saturday evening, 1 October. Everyone is requested to give this program your support, and sell as many tickets as you can. TICKET SALES ARE NOT RESTRICTED TO SOA MEMBERS. The money collected supports the Scholarship Fund. Ticket stubs, along with the money for the tickets sold should be returned to Ralf Miller, 7035 Hidden Hills North, San Antonio, TX 78244 by 15 Sep 94 or turned in at SOAR XVIII, prior to the banquet. If you need additional tickets, contact Clyde Sincere or Ralf Miller.

12. I would like to remind everyone that we are soliciting items for the raffle to be conducted following the General Membership Meeting. This is entirely separate from the banquet raffle of EE Saving Bonds. Persons wishing to donate items for this raffle (which also supports the Scholarship Fund) are requested to send those items to Clyde Sincere NLT 14 Sep 94.) If you bring the donations with you to the reunion, please ensure that Clyde gets them on your first day of arrival. He will establish a display area for raffle items that provides easy access for viewing by all members. Additional tickets for this raffle will be available at the registration desk. Remember, raffle item donations are tax deductible, and your support in this effort keeps our scholarship program financially secure.

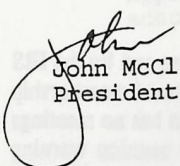
13. Just a reminder, the weather should be warm during the time our reunion is scheduled. This will give all a chance to take advantage of the hotel facilities such as; large swimming pool, 4 lighted tennis courts, a 1/4 mile track. All are located on the hotel sports deck.

14. In the Spring News Letter I gave you a run down on Wright Travel of Charlotte, NC, who has committed to serve as the SOA travel agent. They have donated two round trip domestic airline tickets to the SOA for use as a raffle prize. Additionally, they will provide SOA members travel services at 5% below any published or advertised fare. In order to provide SOA members a further incentive to utilize the service, the SOA will provide one \$2 raffle ticket for each \$10 purchase through Wright Travel. Contact Wright Travel at 1-800-231-8861 and inform them that you are a SOA member.

15. Well that about sums it up. If you have any questions, please give me or any of the other Board members a call.

16. I look forward to seeing you all in Las Vegas. Be prepared to have fun!!

Best Regards,



John McClaskey
President, SOA



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FACT SHEET

The SOA is a 1000 member fraternal organization of American and foreign participants of special military operations in combat theaters, primarily during the Southeast Asian conflict. The group includes World War II and Korean Veterans as well as those from the more recent conflicts; membership is limited to Free World forces who aided or took part in missions deep inside hostile territory in a combat capacity.

For the most part, our association is composed of US Army Special Forces personnel but also includes Air Commandos, Navy SEALs, Force Recon Marines and veterans of other elite military and civilian organizations, who were a part of Special Operations.

The specific and primary purposes of the SOA are:

- (a) To unite fraternally all veterans who have or are now conducting or supporting classified "Special Operations" deep in hostile enemy territory or have been assigned to United States or foreign military units which conducted such operations;
- (b) To perpetuate the Special Operations esprit de corps;
- (c) To commemorate fittingly the memory of those who have given their lives in defense of the Free World;
- (d) To maintain the George C. Morton Memorial College Scholarship to perpetuate the memory of COL Morton and of those who served in Special Operations units and/or were POW/MIA and still unaccounted for.

The Special Operations Association is recognized by the Department of Defense and by the IRS as a non-profit veterans organization operating on tax deductible donations. Annual membership dues are \$25.00 US; lifetime membership fee is \$250.00 US. The organization has no meetings other than the annual reunion; the only organizational correspondence is the reunion warning order and subsequent after-action report.

Our eighteenth annual reunion will be held in Las Vegas from 28 September to 02 October 1994 at the Plaza Hotel; we anticipate more than 250 members and guests.



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THE SOA SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM

FACTS CONCERNING THE GEORGE C. MORTON SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION (SOA) MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

The scholarship grants awarded by the SOA are used only for work leading towards a Bachelor's Degree. Each grant is for not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 per year (maximum of 4 years & paid at \$100/month).

BASIC GRANT CRITERIA AND ELIGIBILITY: A high school graduate or a high school student anticipating graduation during the year of application, unmarried and under the age of 21 years at the time of application. Preference will be given to a son or daughter, natural or adopted, of (1) an individual who served in a Special Operations Unit during the Vietnam War (includes POW/MIA), or (2) who is currently a member of the SOA and in good standing, and others that meet the grant criteria.

ANNOUNCEMENT of the availability for this scholarship grant is made through various educational institutions, the news media and fraternal organizations.

APPLICATIONS: The deadline for all informal inquiries and application information is 15 MARCH of the year that the grant is intended to be awarded. The deadline for the submission of all formal applications is 15 APRIL of the year the grant is intended to be awarded.

Approximately 1 MAY of that year, selectees/recipients of the scholarship grant(s) will be appropriately notified by mail.

For more information and application forms, please contact:

Ralf M. Miller, Chairman,
SOA Scholarship Committee
7035 Hidden Hills North
San Antonio, TX 78244-1516
(210) 666 - 5122

FACTS AND FIGURES

1. INSIGNIA DISPLAY:

Mr. Scott Kilpatrick, a guest of SOA member Mark Kinsler will display his insignia collection at SOAR XVIII. He has a number of MACVSOG items that may be of interest to SOAR XVIII attendees.

2. SOA MEMORABILIA SALES:

The SOA will have available to the membership and their guests a SOA Memorabilia Sales Table. Items reflected (for the most part) on the enclosed memorabilia sales form will be available for purchase. Rings for instance must be ordered in advance.

3. BUSINESS CARD ADS:

The SOA is offering an opportunity for any member desiring to place a Business Card Ad in the 1995 Membership Directory to do so for a fee of \$25.00. The Cards will be displayed alphabetically, four (4) per page, at the end of the directory. The directory will be issued in January 1995 along with the SOAR XVIII After-Action-Report. Members interested in this service should provide a photo-reproducible business card and a \$25.00 check made payable to the "SOA" to Clayton Scott, P.O. Box 250161, San Francisco, California 94125. ADs and checks must be received prior to 1 December 1994.

4. LOST SOULS:

The Association still lacks current addresses for a number of life members. It is requested that anyone knowing the addresses of the following life members, provide that information to the SOA Membership Chairman, Clayton Scott, P.O.Box 250161, San Francisco, California 94125:

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|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------|
| 282-L | ALFORD, Joseph | 16-L | RODRIQUEZ, Rick |
| 122-L | BARKSDALE, Charles | 119-L | RYDER, David |
| 2-L | CHAPMAN, Leslie | 138-L | SMITH, Thomas |
| 184-L | GRAHAM, Robert | 337-L | STANDFIER, David |
| 427-L | HANLON, James | 270-L | VASEY, Lewis |
| 362-L | MALLET, Ernest | 137-L | WESTALL, Bynum |
| 346-L | CRAIG, James | 595-L | WILSON, Thomas |
| 309-L | ARNONE, Vincent | 953-L | DAHL, Glenn |
| 832-L | HILL, Melvin | 346-L | CRAIG, James |
| 646-L | CHAREST, Robert A. | 709-L | AYLETT, Ronald |
| 128-L | PARSLEY, Jimmie | 467-L | MUIR, Jim |

5. MACV-SOG, Volumes 1 thru 4 by HARVE SAAL:

a. If you ordered the above mentioned volumes and did so through JANIS JONES, TECHNO-COMM., P.O. Box 18656, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53218-0656 and did not receive them, contact: Harve Saal at 1-(414) 762-7210 and let him know. Harve had a problem with Janis Jones as a Distributor and ceased all operations with that firm. A new Distributor is available for your edification: HOVEY BENNETT, c/o Bennett Enterprises P.O. Box 127, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin 53052-0127. Documentation reflecting your previous order must accompany any request for non-receipt of volumes, e.g., cancelled check or money order. Thank you.

b. Be advised however, that the set of four (4) volumes as of 1 April 1994 cost "full price". The reduced advance sale price is no longer in effect. The new prices are as follows:

(1) VOLUME I: Historical Evolution. \$24.95 + \$5.50 for postage and insurance.

(2) VOLUME II: Locations. \$22.95 + \$5.50 for P&I.

(3) VOLUME III: Legends. \$25.95 + \$5.50 for P&I.

(4) VOLUME IV: Appendixes. \$23.95 + \$5.50 for P&I.

DO NOT SEND CASH, MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO, AND MAIL TO:

"HOVEY BENNETT" at the above mentioned address.

c. Harve Saal has donated and autographed one (1) complete set of four (4) volumes as a SOAR XVIII raffle item. If you are unsure if you desire a set of these super volumes - take a look at the set on display at SOAR XVIII. Your Administrator purchased a set and recommends this effort of Harve highly.

d. By the way, the good news is that Harve has married "Mad Dog" Shrivvers sister Colleen. When Harve shows up at a SOAR we will all owe him a drink or something, heh. Congrats are in order....

6. WHO'S WHO FROM THE SOA/SFA:

a. Steve Sherman of RADIX PRESS, 2314 Cheshire Lane, Houston, Texas 77018, (713) 683-9076 has just published "Who's Who from the SFA/SOA. The 98 page roster which lists the names of SFA/SOA members is available free with the purchase of a set of the five (5) Green Beret Magazine volumes.

b. The 18,000 name roster was compiled from the SFA and SOA records and names listed in the 1966-1970 Green Beret magazines. Additionally, names were also collected by way of copies of orders individuals provided to Steve, e.g., "White-Star, TDY orders from the 1st and 7th Special Forces Group (Airborne), etc. It is an excellent reference of Special Forces and Special Operations personnel.

7. "BAY OF PIGS" INVASION OF CUBA:

a. Janet Ray Weininger is the daughter of an USAF pilot killed during the 1961 "Bay of Pigs" invasion of Cuba. She is searching for information relative to that operation. She is requesting anyone with knowledge of that operation to please contact her.

b. Mrs. Weininger may be reached at:
17901 SW 84th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33457
(305) 255-5160

8. "LEAVES OF STONE":

a. SOA member Paul Brubaker is requesting SOA members consider assisting Stuart A. Beckley in writing his book entitled, "Leaves of Stone". "Leaves of Stone"... A soldiers tribute... is being written in proud pathos on behalf of forgotten men... the half million soldiers of Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and the Montagnards of Central Vietnam. An outline of his book will be provided at SOAR XVIII in each attendees registration packet.

b. If any member desires to assist Mr. Beckley, do so by contacting him directly. His address is: P.O. Box 460346, San Antonio, Texas 78246. Thank you.

9. "IN MEMORY OF":

SOA member CHARLES BECKWITH, 550-L, passed away on 12 June 1994. Charlie will long be remembered as the first Commander of "Delta". On behalf of the SOA a letter was sent to the family of Colonel Beckwith by SOA President John McClaskey expressing the SOA's condolences and informing the family that a donation was made to the Special Forces Association, Chapter XLI (Austin) scholarship fund in memory of Charlie.

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4 3/4"

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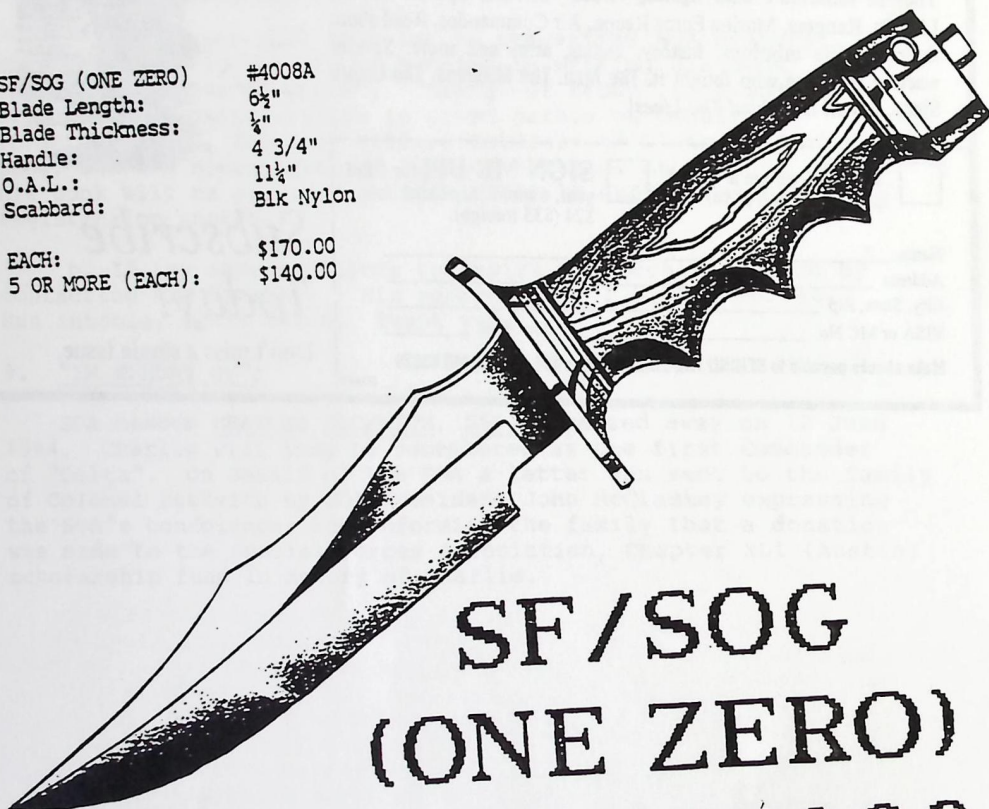
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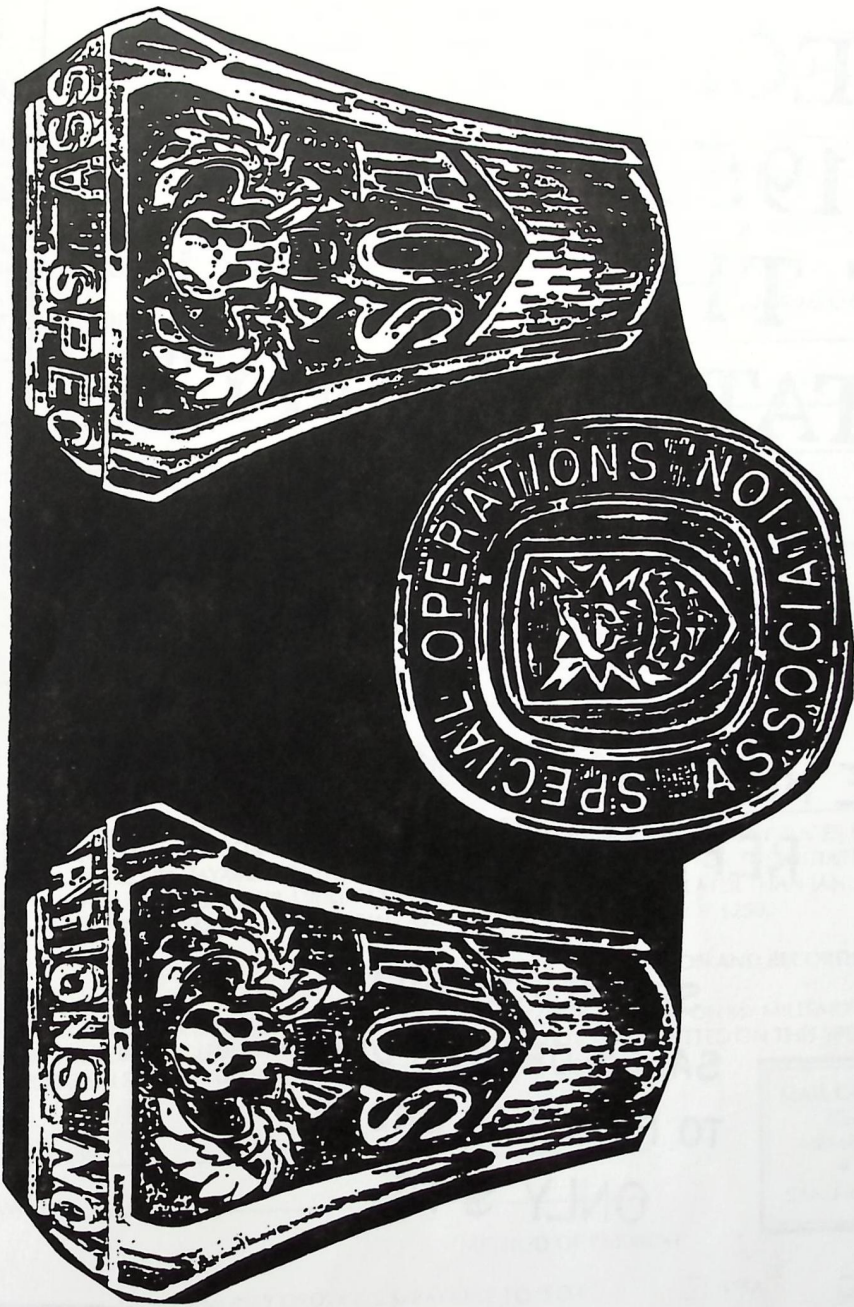


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4. SOCIAL SECURITY # _____ PRIOR 1969 SERVICE # _____
5. TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: GENERAL _____ ASSOCIATE _____ (SEE TYPES AND REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIPS)
6. IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUT THE LISTED DUTIES DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS 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 |
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8. REFERENCE (ONLY A GENERAL MEMBER CAN BE LISTED AS A REFERENCE):

| NAME | UNIT | MEMBER # |
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9. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOA MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES ME TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES SPECIFIED IN THE SOA BY-LAWS. ENCLOSED IS \$25.00, PAYABLE TO THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION FOR THE INITIATION FEE AND FIRST YEAR'S 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.

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I HEREBY AUTHORIZE 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 _____

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MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO:
CLAYTON S. SCOTT
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
P.O. BOX 250161
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94125

MEMBERSHIP CRITERIA

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 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 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:

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1954-PRESENT: COMBINED ARM STUDIES; MACV/SOG; B-52; WHITE STAR; 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 Applicant 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

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.

LIFE STATUS

A one time charge of \$250.00 (U.S.)

REQUIREMENTS

1. Any General or Associate Member in good standing.
2. A Life Membership **WILL NOT** be granted until a member is "paid in full."

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION AFTER ACTION REPORT SOAR XVIII

28 SEPTEMBER - 2 OCTOBER 1994



BILLY WAUGH #5-L

THIS AFTER ACTION REPORT IS DEDICATED TO BILLY WAUGH,
A MAN AMONG MEN AND A SOLDIER'S SOLDIER,
WHOSE DEDICATION AND SUPPORT FOR OUR ASSOCIATION IS
UNSURPASSED.

THANK YOU, BILLY, FROM ALL OF US.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would first like to take this opportunity to wish everyone the best for a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

It is an honor to have been elected President of the Special Operations Association. I appreciate your vote of confidence and will do my very best to ensure that we continue to grow and to maintain the high degree of proficiency of my predecessors. In addition, I would like to let each member know that I sincerely appreciate the help and support you have given me during the past year as I served the remaining tenure of the previous President.

I hope everyone had a good time at SOAR XVIII. We had a record, 315 members and guests attend the SOAR Banquet as compared to 270 last year at SOAR XVII. Overall the entire reunion was a great success. We were able to provide expanded member services, pay all bills and still increase SOA assets from approximate \$132,000 this time last year to \$160,000 this year. (See Treasurers Report for details.)

I would like to express my thanks and to acknowledge the outstanding job Jack Abraham, Ralf Miller, Clayton Scott, Clyde Sincere, Bill O'Rourke, Don Benjamin and the many others who helped make SOAR XVIII a great success; as well as many thanks to our committees who remain behind the scenes, but deserve a great deal of thanks and appreciation for their tireless work in support of the SOA. Without the efforts of these dedicated members, little would be accomplished.

We have come a long way in the past 18 years. Our membership now stands at 1175 and there has been a total of 30 individual recipients of the George C. Morton SOA Memorial Scholarship awards since its inception in 1983. The Scholarship Fund has paid or has committed to a total of \$91,000 through the school year beginning the Fall of '97. Every member should be proud of this achievement. Your contributions over the years made this all possible!

Unlike most organizations, one of the great things about the SOA is that members do get involved. We rarely have a shortage of volunteers to help with a particular project and the individual generosity of our membership is overwhelming. In addition to some extremely generous raffle prizes donated this year we had one member, Billy Waugh, make the most generous contribution ever to

the Scholarship Fund. Billy donated in excess of \$15,000 to the fund. On behalf of the General Membership, Board of directors and the kids who will benefit from the gift I want to say thank you **THANK YOU and GOD BLESS!!!**

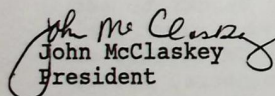
I am sure you all know that Martha Raye passed away on 19 October and was buried at Fort Bragg. Bob Gilstrap represented the SOA at the funeral. Flowers were also sent and the card read: "WITH LOVE AND RESPECT FROM EVERY MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION.....THE SOA". Since Maggie was one of us, I would like to dedicate SOAR XIX in her memory.

As those of who attended the General Membership Meeting at SOAR XVIII know, the next reunion, **SOAR XIX**, will be held from 1-5 November 1995 at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. (We had to slip the date a month due to a booking conflict at the hotel.) To preclude this from happening in the future we have confirmation dates for SOAR XX (25-29 SEP 96) and SOAR XXI (1-5 Oct 97). Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

The Board will hold a mid-year planning meeting on 28-30 April at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Purpose of the meeting is to take care of outstanding Association business and to coordinate SOAR XIX requirements. We need members thoughts, ideas, suggestions, etc. as to what you would like to do and/or see at future SOAR's. We are always open to suggestions; please advise me or any member of the Board of directors if you do.

Again I would like to thank everyone for your vote of confidence by electing me to this office. I look forward to serving you for the next two years. I will do my best to maintain your trust.

Best regards to all,


John McClaskey
President

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1 OCTOBER 1994
1000 HOURS

I. The Special Operations Association General Membership Meeting was called to order at 1000 hours, Saturday, the 1st of October 1994 at the Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada by SOA President, John McClaskey.

II. Mr. Charlie Berg led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Mr. John McClaskey requested the membership remain standing for a moment of silence for our fallen and absent comrades.

IV. Roll Call:

A. Mr. McClaskey indicated that in accordance with the SOA Constitution and By-Laws, that for the purposes of this meeting, the membership present constituted a quorum for any business purposes.

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

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| President: | John McClaskey |
| Treasurer & Chairman of the Scholarship Committee: | Ralf M. Miller |
| Director & Chairman of the Annual Reunion Committee: | Jack Abraham |
| Director & Monitor of the Nominating and Tally Committee: | Dan "Rock" Myers |
| Director & Chairman of the Membership & Allied Liaison Committees: | Clayton S. Scott |
| Director & Association Administrator: | Clyde J. Sincere |

C. The following named Special Staff Members were present:

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Chairman, Nominating Committee: | Roy Bahr |
| Chairman, Tally Committee: | Bill Lueders |
| 1994 Sergeant At Arms: | Charlie Berg |
| 1994 Sergeant At Arms: | Jerrald Ginder |

D. The following named Special Staff Member was absent:

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| Chairman, Memorabilia Sales: | George "Moe" Blakey |
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V. Business Meeting:

A. Old Business:

1. Minutes of 2 October 1993: John McClaskey

The minutes of the 2d of October 1993 meeting were included in the SOAR XVII AAR. All members had been provided a copy via mail prior to this meeting. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted as provided. Motion approved.

2. Treasurer's Report: Ralf M. Miller

Mr. Miller reported to the membership as to the current financial status of the SOA, and in essence stated that the SOA's financial health is excellent, if not robust.... and growing each year. As reported to you last year, the SOA is financially capable of meeting all of its Operational expenses, Life Membership maintenance expenses, Scholarship stipends, and breaking better than even on our SOA Reunions. SOA has \$60,000 (maturity value) in "EE" Savings Bonds (bought for \$15k in 1992 and \$15k in 1993) and guaranteed at no less than 6% (if kept five years); it has \$71,400 in CD's at 3.75 and 4.25 percent (to which we can add funds)... and, which we will do again prior to 31 December 1994. A great source of income is, of course, the SOAR. Your participation is vital.. and, appreciated. SOAR XVIII has indeed set another record in attendance... and, that means dollars into the Convention account which is later transferred to the Scholarship Fund after all SOAR expenses have been paid. We hope to continue to extend amenities at future SOARs to you. You will note that the Friday luncheon, the Saturday buffet/luncheon, the Saturday night Banquet (with all the attendant beverages), the Hospitality Suite hors d'oeuvres and beverages, are/were generously increased this year for all registered members and their guests. See the enclosed Financial Status Report for results and details. Additionally, for the edification of the membership the outside audit firm of Simpson & Associates of Austin, Texas conducted an audit of all SOA funds to include bank statements and check registers. The audit affirms that the SOA is in fact solvent and that the SOA Treasurer does follow proper fiscal practices and procedures in the conduct of his office. (See attached letter). A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as provided subject to audit. Motion approved.

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

Mr. Miller reported to the membership as to the current status of the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship Fund has paid (or has committed to), a total

of \$91,000 through the academic school year commencing with the Fall of '97. The Scholarship Committee and every member of the SOA should be proud of this achievement! There are 16 current recipients.... They are:

Michelle Waskovich
Lucky Mel Wick
Erika Howard
Eileen Kinsley
Renee' Waskovich
Clifford Burns.

Suzanne Sullivan
Jodi Block
Matt McGiffert
Brett Butler
Sarah Lee

Jeffrey Fry
Jenelle Berg
Kim Bieber
Kara Bieber
Christian Dwyer

The SOA Treasurer provides a \$100 check each school month to each recipient (a total of \$1,000 per year per student). Currently that amounts to a SOA commitment of \$1600 per month, so you can readily see why we still have a requirement to continue to build the Scholarship Fund. Again, I'd like to emphasize the tremendous importance of members' attendance at these annual SOA reunions; the importance of your raffle ticket purchases (which are tax deductible), your voluntary contributions large or small to the Scholarship Fund (again, tax deductible), and your support of, and purchases from, the SOA Memorabilia Sales. Net proceeds from all of these different entities/accounts go right into the Scholarship Fund. Additionally, for your information, there have been a total of 30 individual recipients of SOA Scholarship awards since its inception in 1983. 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.

4. Membership Committee Report: Clayton S. Scott

Mr. Scott reported to the membership as to the current status of the SOA as it related to "Life", "General", "Associate" and "Honorary" members. The membership committee had approved 75 new members and disapproved 21 applications between the period 2 October 1993 and 15 September 1994. Additionally, two (2) memberships were revoked. Mssrs. Ed Kirkley (988) and Paul Phillips (459). Mr. Scott reiterated for the edification of the membership the methodology used by his committee in determining the credentials of a prospective candidate and/or any former (lapsed membership) member reapplying for reinstatement in the SOA. Current SOA membership for all categories was 1160 as of 15 September 1994. A motion was made and seconded that the report of the Chairman of the Membership Committee be accepted and approved as provided. Motion approved.

5. SOAR XVIII Report: Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham, Chairman of the Reunion Committee reported to the membership that SOAR XVIII was the largest SOAR to date. No major problems were occurring and that his committee had/were continuing to coordinate as necessary to insure a successful reunion. No motion required.

6. New 1994 IRS Rulings/Charity
Deductions:

John McClaskey

Mr. McClaskey provided the membership with a "tax alert". Effective as of January 1994 an individual would be required to obtain a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from any tax exempt organization to which a contribution of \$250.00 or more is donated in order to deduct that contribution. Contemporaneous for this purpose means that you must obtain the written acknowledgment on/or before the earlier of:

- (a) The date on which your 1994 return is actually filed, or....
- (b) The due date for the return, including extensions.

A canceled check will no longer constitute adequate substantiation for a cash contribution. The written acknowledgment must state the amount of cash and description but not the value of any property other than cash contributed. It must also state whether or not the tax exempt organization provided any goods or services in consideration for the contribution and, if so, a description and "good faith estimate" of the value of goods or services provided. The SOA Treasurer will provide the written acknowledgments for all who donate a contribution of \$250 or more in cash or material items to the SOA. **NOTE:** Contact the SOA Treasurer if you have any questions regarding a written acknowledgment. No motion required.

B. New Business:

1. SOAR XIX Report:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham reported to the general membership the following as it related to SOAR XIX:

Due to previous commitments by the Hotel & Casino only the following dates were available in 1995:

- (a) 20-24 September 1995.
- (b) 01-05 November 1995.

NOTE: At this time a poll was conducted of the membership to ascertain the consensus as to the most desired dates to conduct SOAR XIX. An overwhelming majority of the membership indicated that most desirous dates were 01-05 November. Mr. Abraham stated he would inform the Plaza management of the selected dates for SOAR XIX.

Additionally, Mr. Abraham stated that to preclude any problems of this nature occurring again in 1996 and 1997 he was negotiating tentative dates for SOAR XX and XXI.

(c) Accommodation Costs: Again, would be the same as currently negotiated: \$35.20 per nite, including tax.

(d) Pre-Registration: \$80.00.

(e) Registration at SOAR XIX: \$100.00.

NOTE: Security is provided by the uniformed security force employed by the Plaza Hotel & Casino. These personnel are briefed that **"NO ONE"** is authorized admittance to the Hospitality Suite without a **"badge"**. Members and their guests are requested not to request an exception to this policy.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Mr. Abraham's planning recommendations recognizing that in some situations specific data had yet to be determined. Motion approved.

2. SFA Convention '95:

John McClaskey

Mr. McClaskey reported to the general membership the following as it related to SFA Convention '95:

(a) Location: Plaza Hotel & Casino.

(b) Dates: Tuesday, 20 June thru Sunday 25 June 1995. (Hosted by SFA Chapter LI).

(c) Costs:

(1) Hotel Accommodations: \$35.20 per nite.

(2) Convention Registration: \$55.00 per person. No motion required.

3. 1995-'96 Board of Officers and

Directors Tally Results Report: John McClaskey

Mr. McClaskey reported to the general membership that Mr. Bill Lueders and his Tally Committee met on 16 September 1994 for the purpose of counting ballots received for the 1995-'96 SOA Board of Officers and Directors as of 15 September 1994. The final results of their tally reflected the following as the new SOA Board of Officers and Directors effective 1 January 1995 thru 31 December 1996:

(a) President: John McClaskey

(b) Vice-President: Bill O'Rourke

(c) Treasurer: Ralf M. Miller

(d) Directors: Five (5):

(1) Jack Abraham

(2) Don Benjamin

(3) Dan "Rock" Myers

(4) Clayton S. Scott

(5) Ian Sutherland

Mr. McClaskey thanked the Tally Committee for their efforts and also thanked all of the SOA members that participated in the electoral process.

4. Reimbursement of Board of
Officers and Directors attend-
ing official SOA meetings: John McClaskey

Mr. McClaskey informed the general membership that due to circumstances in the past that precluded board members from attending officially called SOA Board of Officers and Directors meetings that he had instructed the SOA Treasurer to reimburse board/special staff members for their **air travel only** to and from meeting sites. A motion was made and seconded that Board members/special staff be reimbursed for the air travel to and from meeting sites. Motion approved.

5. Resolution of conflict of the
By-Laws and the SOA Membership
Application Form as it relates
to Associate Membership: Jack Abraham/
Clay Scott

NOTE: Prior to Mr. Abraham or Mr. Scott speaking to the general membership, Mr. McClaskey "set the stage" by informing the membership that an apparent conflict had surfaced between the By-Laws and the Membership Application Form and that Mr. Abraham and Mr. Scott desired to present their views to the general membership for the purpose of reconciling these differences. Mr. McClaskey reminded the membership that any change to the existing prerequisites as it affected the By-Laws would require the approval of the general membership and that a final vote by the general membership would take place on Saturday, 04 November 1995 at the next General Membership Meeting. As a result of the dialogue that followed, Mr. McClaskey announced that as of 06 September 1994 when this issue first came to light that until 04 November 1995, a moratorium was in effect as it related to all "sponsored" Associate Memberships. Additionally for the edification of all members - "All existing Associate Memberships are grandfathered and in no way are affected by these proposals".

Currently, the existing requirement for a "sponsored" Associate Membership is ".....the applicant must be sponsored by four (4) General Members in good standing".

Mr. Abraham and Mr. Scott presented their recommendations to the general membership for consideration. Both Directors presented their views and as a result two (2) additional views were surfaced and presented to the members by "general members" in attendance.

As a result of the discussions proffered by a very active general membership four (4) proposals evolved and will be voted on at the SOAR XIX general membership. They are as follows:

- (a) No change to existing requirements.
- (b) The applicant must be sponsored by four (4) General Members in good standing and have the unanimous approval of the entire Membership Committee.
- (c) Establish a category of "Sponsored Membership" in which the applicant must be sponsored by four (4) General Members in good standing and have the unanimous approval of the entire Membership Committee.
- (d) Delete "sponsored" Associate Membership from the Association By-Laws.

NOTE: Mr. McClaskey conducted a non-binding poll of the membership to ascertain a consensus of opinion of the four (4) options. The poll reflected a majority of the membership favored option (d) above... Delete "sponsored" Associate Membership from the Association By-Laws....

A motion was made and seconded to conduct a vote at SOAR XIX General Membership Meeting for the purpose of deciding the future of SOA "sponsored" Associate Membership. Motion approved.

6. Guest Speakers and Entertainment
at SOAR's: John McClaskey

Mr. McClaskey informed the membership that he had heard comments from some members relating to the fact that it had been a few years since the SOA had sponsored any guest speakers or provided any special entertainment at the SOAR banquet and he desired to inform the membership that the rationale for the current policy concluded that guest speakers and/or special entertainment should only be scheduled at future SOAR's if their contribution would be well received by the membership and would be cost effective. In the past there have been occasions that unnecessary resources were expended and it was the consensus of the current board that monies could be put to better use by providing other membership services. No motion required.

7. Jump "Burma" 1995: John "Doc" Padgett

Mr. Padgett stated that he desired to express his objection and dissatisfaction as it related to the SOA endorsing the "Friendship Airborne Tours, Inc." jump being conducted in Burma in 1995. Mr. Clay Scott, SOA Director overseeing advertisements being placed in the various SOA publications explained to the membership that the SOA was not officially endorsing the Burma jump, but, like previous ads from Dr. Frank Osanka relating to jumps throughout the world, the SOA was just "selling" ad space. Mr. Padgett went on to state that knowing the type of "oppressive regime" the current

"illegal" government in Burma was, he believed the SOA should publicly disavow itself from this particular ad. Mr. McClaskey stated the Board would consider his recommendation. No motion required.

8. SOA Memorial Recommendation: Larry Trimble/
Cliff Newman

Mr. Trimble recommended that a memorial to Special Operations should be considered by the SOA to promote the "ideas and spirit" of Special Operations. Mr. Newman stated that he had in mind a "head stone" type marker such as was currently in front of BRONZE BRUCE at Fort Bragg. Mr. McClaskey queried Mssrs. Trimble and Newman as to whether they were willing to Chair a committee to research the feasibility of a project of this type. They answered in the affirmative. No motion required.

NOTE: A committee was formed consisting of Saul Arredondo, James Butler, Alex Jongbloed, Jim LaMotte, Thomas Marich, Cliff Newman, John Padgett, Bryan Stockdale, Larry Trimble, Jeffery Wachter and Bill Wolf. They are as a minimum, to be prepared to submit their recommendations to the SOA Board and General Membership at SOAR XIX. Their recommendation will include Location, Design and Cost.

9. Award of SOAR XVIII Door Prizes
and conduct of General Raffle: Clyde Sincere

a. Mr. Sincere conducted the awarding of door prizes first and subsequently awarded the majority of raffle items. Three (3) raffle prizes plus the three (3) "EE" U.S. Savings Bonds would be awarded at the banquet.

NOTE: Contained in these minutes is a listing of the donors of raffle and door prizes awarded at SOAR XVIII. Again, Mr. Sincere reiterated his appreciation for the donations by various members and their guests of door and raffle prizes. The monies realized from the raffle items go a long way in sustaining the SOA Scholarship Fund. If you have a particular item that you wish to donate to SOAR XIX, please contact Clyde Sincere to arrange for its delivery. Thank you....

b. This year over 75 door and raffle donations were won by SOAR XVIII attendees at the General Membership Meeting and Saturday evening banquet. That is a 50% increase in donations over SOAR XVII. Also, the above does not include the 51 winners of the first LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW held on Saturday afternoon following the General Membership Meeting and on Saturday evening following the Banquet.

- (1) Books were donated by the SOA, Ken

Conboy, "Jerry" Hudson, Nick Godano, Clyde Sincere, Ben Baker, Harvey Saal, John Plaster, John M.G. Brown, Bill Lueders, Harry Munck, Bill Butterworth, David Morrell and Mark Kinsler.

(2) Various other super items were donated by the SOA: (USN Seals tape - "The Men", USN Seals tape - "Red Cell", Ultimate Sniper, Two (2) Round-trip Airline Tickets and Three (3) Plaza Hotel Room Reservations), **BEN BAKER**: (Two (2) Money Belts and a 1st SFGp (Abn), 1st SF Lighter), **LARRY & SUSAN TRIMBLE**: (Winchester, Model 94 Trapper, Walnut Lever Action Carbine, .30-.30), **FRED PLATT**: (Three (3) Sterling Silver Coins - "Women in Service", "Vietnam Veterans" and "POW/MIA"), **CARL CRANTZ**, on behalf of **JACK PETRUZZILI**: (Lithograph, Brooklyn Dodgers and two (2) Autographed Baseballs), **MIKE DWYER**: (1st Special Service Force Commemorative Knife), **BILL WERTHER**: (Two (2) Ghillie Suits), **DALE BENNETT**: (Gold "Prairie Fire" wings and Silver Belt Buckle), **RAY CHAMBERS**: (Commando Knife, Copy of Sarke-Farbain from WWII), **DON BENJAMIN**: (Ruger #1, Falling Block, 22-250 Caliber), **CLYDE SINCERE**: (Green Beret and Merrill's Marauders video tapes), **MARK KINSLER & JIM RAMSEY**: (AL Mar Knife), **NORM LEVINE**: (Custom Boot Knife), **KEN LARGIN**: (Custom Kelgin Knife), **BUD NEALY**: (Custom Hidden Dress Knife), **FRANK OSANKA**: (Thai Parachute T-Shirt), **MARK KINSLER**: (Ten (10) various T-Shirts, Sweat-shirt, and Jacket) and **GIL BERG**, friend of **HANK GOLE**: (Three (3) vacations in Florida).

(3) also, the three (3) "EE" U.S. Savings Bonds were won by:

\$2,000 - **AL FONTES** / \$1,000 - **HANK LUTHY** / \$500 - **ROY BAHR**

(4) finally, the big winners in the LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW: Saturday Morning: \$1,000 - **DALE LIBBY** Saturday Evening: (Split prize): \$500 each- **CLIFF NEWMAN** and **BILL RICHARDSON**.

Congratulations.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no further items of new business, Mr. John McClaskey adjourned the 1993 General Membership Meeting with the announcement that the next General Membership Meeting would take place during SOAR XIX.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.

CLYDE J. SINCERE, JR.
Member, Board of Directors
ASSOCIATION ADMINISTRATOR



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, liabilities and equity (on a cash basis) as of December 1, 1994 (all numbers rounded to nearest dollar).

ASSETS:

CASH/CERTIFICATES/BONDS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Operating Account cash | \$ 9,106 |
| Scholarship Account cash | 11,644 |
| Life Member Account cash | 1,978 |
| Convention Account cash | 4,694 |
| Memorabilia Account cash | 5,300 |
| Memorabilia Account inventory(cost) | 7,300 |
| Certificates of Deposit | 90,000 |
| EE Savings Bonds | 30,000 |

TOTAL ASSETS:

\$160,022

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Scholarships Payable (thru 1997) | \$ 41,000 | |
| Total current liabilities | | \$41,000 |

EQUITY:

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Uncommitted SOA resources | \$119,022 | |
| Total Equity | | \$119,022 |

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

\$160,022

Notes: EE Savings Bond accrued interest (since 1992) is not included in the above figures (minimum interest earned is 6%). At this minimum rate, the EE bonds will be worth \$60,000 at maturity after approximately 12 years from date of purchase... that's about the year 2004. The CDs have been upgraded from a 3.75% and a 4.25% to a single 2 year CD at 6% with monthly interest going to the Scholarship Account. This CD matures 14 November 1996.

Ralf M. Miller

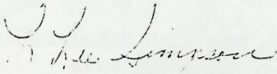
RALF M. MILLER
Treasurer, SOA

7035 Hidden Hills, North
San Antonio, TX 78244

September 13, 1994

To The Board of Directors
Special Operations Association
Las Vegas, Nevada

We have reviewed the bank accounts of the Special Operations Association for the eight month period ending August 31, 1994. The reconciliation of bank balances was performed using bank statements and the Association's check registers. The registers were found to be in balance and appropriately maintained.



L. Lee Simpson

SOA ODDS & ENDS

MARTHA "COL MAGGIE" RAYE: Colonel Maggie passed away on 19 October 1994 after a long suffering illness in Los Angeles, California. On 22 October 1994, "Maggie" was laid to rest at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She had requested and received permission to be buried at Fort Bragg in order that she would remain in close proximity to the men she loved best - the men of the "Green Beret". **Bob Gilstrap** represented the SOA at "Maggie's" funeral. Bob stated that the SOA floral arrangement stood out beautifully and the service was one that he will long remember. In view of "Maggie's" tremendous super support of the Special Operations Association, the SOA Board of Officers and Directors have declared that SOAR XIX will be dedicated to Colonel "Maggie".

FROM THE SOA PREZ: John McClaskey, SOA President wished to extend on behalf of the Special Operations Association a special thank you for the outstanding assistance of the following individuals and their wives/lady friends provided by manning the SOA Memorabilia Sales table during the conduct of SOAR XVIII:

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| Don Benjamin | Ray Chambers | Joe Frey | Jerry Ginder |
| Wes Kouns | Bob Johnston | Jim LaMotte | Spider Parks |
| Jim Stoddard | John Thomas | Bill Werther | Jim Howard |

Through their efforts, the **George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund** was enriched by approximately \$4,000. That surpasses greatly any previous reunion total for memorabilia sales. Their accomplishments are sincerely appreciated and collectively noted.

John further stated that he hoped that by way of a reward, each of them will realize that they greatly assisted deserving dependents of our membership to obtain a college education and a better start in life. Thank you Gentlemen.

NOTE: Many of you may have known that **George "MOE" Blakey**, Chairman SOA Memorabilia Sales underwent heart surgery during SOAR XVIII and was unable to attend the Reunion. However, **Don Benjamin** and his crew filled in superbly. Moe is now up and doing well and promises to be at SOAR XIX.

Additionally, John wishes to report to the SOA membership that he has provided a Letter of Appreciation to the fine **USAF Color Guard** that assisted at the SOAR XVIII Banquet and a Letter of Appreciation and a SOA Plaque to Miss Linda Hartman of the Plaza Hotel & Casino staff recognizing **LINDA HARTMAN** for her professionalism and untiring efforts in ensuring the success of SOAR XVIII. Also, John dispatched a letter and SOA Plaque to the **Canadian Vietnam Veterans-Quebec Association, (Association Quebecoise Des Veterans Du Vietnam)** that was presented at their fifth Memorial Service, 15 October 1994 honoring those Canadians killed, or missing in action, while serving with U.S. military



FOUR REAL "PARTY ANIMALS", L-R: RALF MILLER,
LEE HECTOR, CLYDE SINCERE & JOHN McCLASKEY



JULIE MARENZI & BILL SYLVESTER



CLIFF NEWMAN AND CHARLIE BERG

BELOW: JUDY AND MARTIN BENNETT.



LEFT, L-R: GREG RODRIQUEZ,
JIM THOMPSON AND JOHN FRYER.
"THE SMITH BROTHERS, MINUS ONE"

forces in SEA.

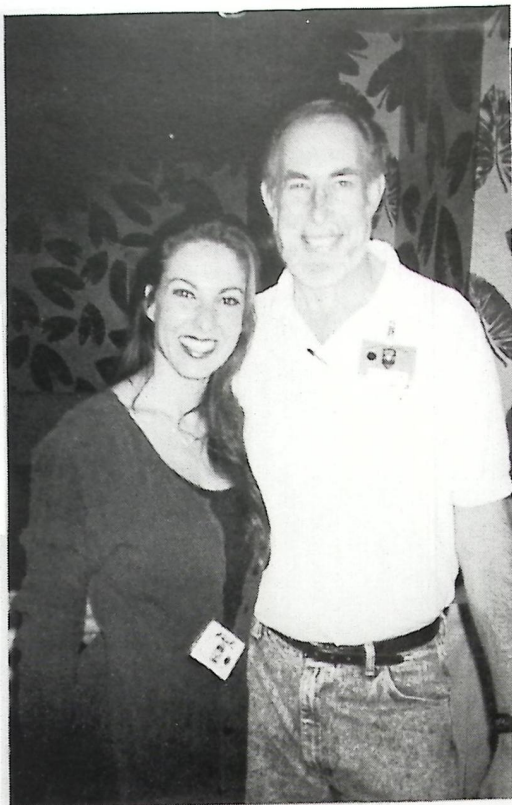
SOAR XVIII: The SOA Treasurer reported that 315 members and guests attended this years reunion as compared to 270 during SOAR XVII. 52.9% were Life members, 42.3% were General members, 3.5% were Associate members and 1.3% were new members. There were approximately 170 members and 145 guests at the banquet. Not too shabby. Let us strive to do better in honor of Colonel "Maggie" at SOAR XIX.

CUSTOM MADE KNIVES: The Association wishes to extend its thanks to the **AL MAR FAMILY**, **BUD NEALY** of Nealy Knives, **NORMAN LEVINE** of **DRAGON Knives**, **KEN & JANA LARGIN** of **KELGIN Knives** and **KEVIN L. HOFFMAN** for their generous donations of custom made knives. It is through the generosity of contributions such as these that the SOA is able to maintain a successful Scholarship Fund in the memory of POW's and MIA's for deserving young men and women. Thank you....

FORT CARSON, COLORADO: Colorado Springs and Fort Carson welcomed the arrival of the advance contingent of the 10th Special Forces Group, (Abn), 1st Special Forces to the "Rockies" recently. The remainder of the Group will arrive by summer 1995, when Fort Devens is scheduled to be closed. Also, FYI, it is rumored that SFA Chapter XXIV will host SFA Convention '97. **Al Fontes** and **Hal Swicegood** are reportedly coming up with a plan of action.

SGM (RET) WALTER L. SHUMATE: U.S. Special Operations Command officials have honored the late and former SOA member **Walt Shumate** by dedicating a \$10 million Special Forces scuba training complex after him in Key West, Florida. Walt was instrumental in developing the Special Forces underwater operations training center program in 1965.

POW/MIA BRIEFING: **NORM DONEY** introduced former Vietnam veteran **Mr. John M.G. Brown**, author of "**MOSCOW BOUND**" and "**RICE PADDY GRUNT**" to a very interested group at SOAR XVIII. Mr. Brown's briefing reflected his attention to detail that is evident in his fully documented history, "**MOSCOW BOUND**" as the only really complete history written about American POW's held by the Soviet Union and other Communist nations following WWI, American Intervention in Russia, WWII, the Cold War, Korea and Vietnam resulting from his decade-long investigation of recently declassified U.S. documentary evidence, eyewitness accounts and Russian disclosures. Many questions were posed by the audience attending this unique lecture. Many questions remain. If anyone is interested in obtaining a copy of "**MOSCOW BOUND**". write Veteran Press, Box 30, Petrolia, California 95558 or call (707) 629-3547. Cost: \$35. plus \$5. shipping. Mr. Brown donated a copy of this 1,055 page history to SOAR XVIII as a raffle item. Thank you Norm Doney for bringing this gentlemen to SOAR XVIII.



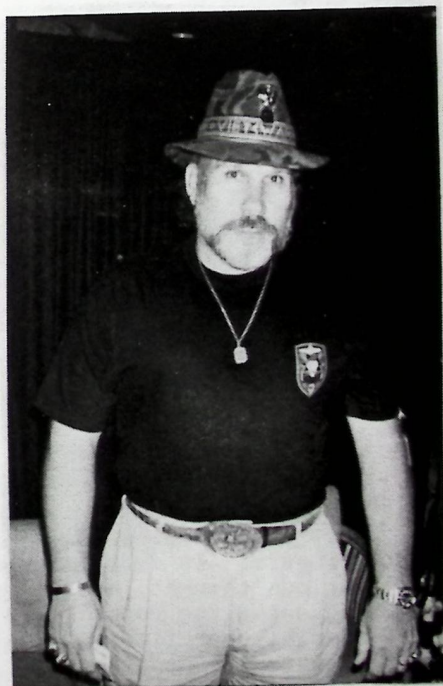
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CURTIS WILLIAMS AND "DA ROCK"



BOB JOHNSTON

THE BATTLE OF KHAM DUC, 10-12 MAY '68: Jim McLeroy former SOA Launch Officer at Kham Duc addressed a number of former C&C personnel and "guests" at SOAR XVIII concerning the battle at Kham Duc in 1968 for the purpose of gaining as much knowledge of that battle to ensure that history reflects the true story of what occurred during that period in May 1968. Jim stated that this was a significant large-scale air-land combat event which has never been fully described or adequately analyzed in military terms. Jim is still searching for former 5th SF Group personnel who were assigned to A-105 in May '68 and former C&C recon team members who were temporarily based at Kham Duc during the battle. Jim resides at 2700 North Hayden Road, #2061, Scottsdale, Arizona 85257, (602) 941-5673.

KHE SAHN, MAI LOC and LANG VEI REVISITED: Bob Donoghue had recently returned from Vietnam and had captured his visit on video reflecting his visit to the Bru nation. Bob made his tape available to an interested crowd during SOAR XVIII. Following his story and tape, he established himself in the Hospitality Suite armed with maps and photos permitting all interested to view his material. Following SOAR XVIII on 6 October 1994, Bob returned to Vietnam for another visit to assist the Bru. While there Bob photographed dozens of scenes on slide film. Upon his return he converted the slide photos to a video and will make a copy available to anyone who wishes to know more about the Bru who worked for CCN and their conditions obtaining today. Interested individuals should contact Bob directly for a copy of his latest video. Bob is willing to provide this video and his original video at cost. Thank you Bob for highlighting the plight of our former Montagnard allies condemned to remain under the heel of the North Vietnamese.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Jim Butler and Dick Conte won the Winchester .30-.30 Rifle and Rugar .22-250 Rifle respectively. Jim always wins big at reunions. Dave Morrell won that beautiful First Special Service Force Commemorative Knife. I really wanted that. Oh well, maybe next time. Congrats are in order.

DONATIONS: Your Administrator already has a custom handcrafted knife from Kevin Hoffman to be used as a raffle item at SOAR XIX. If you have an item to donate either as a raffle or door prize, you are requested to contact Clyde Sincere to facilitate the logistics of ensuring its availability at the reunion.

BILLY WAUGH: Many of you are aware Billy donated a substantial sum to the Scholarship Fund. Initially he indicated that he preferred his donation remain anonymous. However, after some serious thought, he decided to acknowledge the donation, but, requested the donation be in honor of the POW's and MIA's of Special Operations, particularly in memory of the men of CCN of which he had the honor to serve. Thank you Billy, from all of us, and the young men and women your donation will assist.



VANESSA TILLMAN AND TIFFANY SLOAN (PLAYMATE, OCTOBER 1992 PLAYBOY MAGAZINE). TWO VERY LOVELY HOSPITALITY SUITE HOSTESSES!! AND, OH YES, THAT'S JOHN McCLASKEY IN THE MIDDLE.



JON CAVAIANI AND JOHN THOMAS



SFA CHAPTER XXIV (ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONTINGENT, SFA PRESIDENT, MIKE BURNS (SEATED), L-R: SPIDER PARKS; LINDA & JIM STODDARD; DORSE & KATHY COOPER; SUSIE & SPEEDY GASPARD; MARGARET & DALE BETTERTON; KARIN & JOE FREY; LUCIA PARKS; AL FONTES; DON BENJAMIN; WES KOUNS; DON DEVERE; JEFF WATCHER AND JIM HOWARD



NORM DONEY

AN OPEN LETTER TO FRIENDS OF THE "BRU" TRIBE LOCATED IN THE
VICINITY OF KHESAHN, VIETNAM.

I am Bob Donoghue, SOA #680-G. I have been back to Khe-Sahn three (3) times in the past two (2) years. This next trip programmed for 29 April 1995 will be trip #4. Together we, you and I can make a positive contribution in providing urgently required assistance to the Bru. The Bru are finally realizing that the Americans that left so many years ago have not forgotten them. They are most recently having a better outlook on their future survivability.

Having said that, the Bru living in and around Khe-Sahn and Lang Vei desperately require our help. They are fighting malnutrition, vitamin deficiency, malaria and dehydration along with countless other problems. For every ten (10) babies born, seven (7) will die the first year. A typical Bru community contains approximately 300 people, with an average family income realized from selling coffee beans, about \$80-\$100 a year. They have an urgent requirement for mosquito nets, various medicines, construction of village water wells, clothing of all types and agricultural assistance. Medicine is non-existent in the villages. There is no facility nor teacher to provide an education for the Bru children.

You ask what you can do to assist? A lack of sufficient funds is the largest problem.

Steve Kalvelage and I will depart CONUS for the Khe-Sahn area on 29 April. Our plans are to enhance the on-going projects we started on our earlier trips and hopefully commence several new ones. Currently, the present and future projects are:

ON-GOING PROJECTS

Restock Dispensary.
Anti-Malaria.
Issue Clothing.
Construction of Additional
Water Wells.
Increase Cattle Herd.
Conduct Daily Sick-call.

NEW PROJECTS

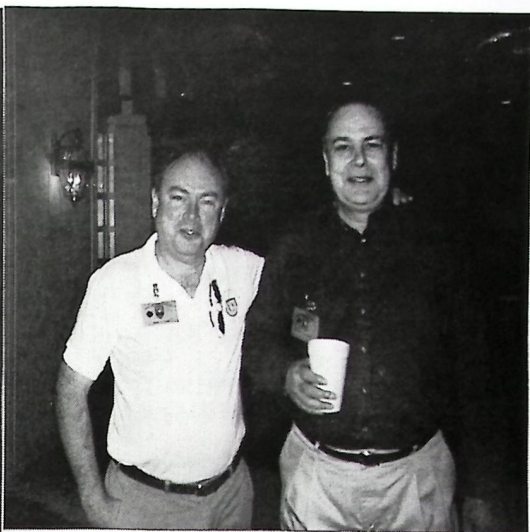
Tan Lien Elementary School.
Install Hand Water Pump.
Construct Water Well and
Fish Pond for Community
#2.

Any donation - large or small would greatly be appreciated by them and believe me, they do appreciate the much-needed assistance. Thank You. Additionally, I will provide an AAR of my trip to the SOA upon our return and also provide you with a full accounting of all funds expended. My address and phone number is as follows: (Please call me if you have any questions).

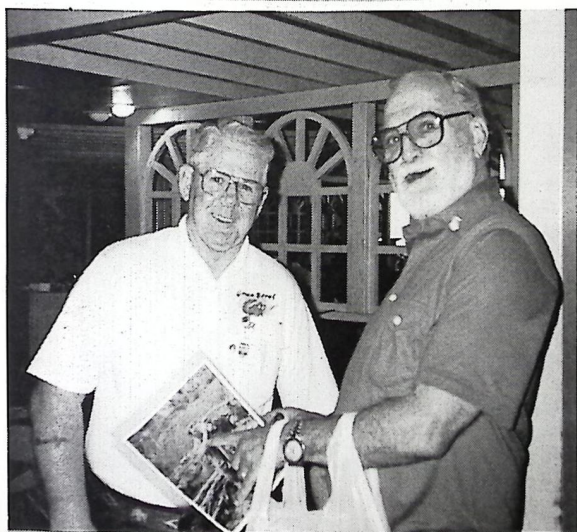
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ABOVE: BILLY BUTTERWORTH (WITH MAP)
EXPLAINING TO RAY CHAMBERS HOW TO
GET TO THE MUSTANG RANCH.



RIGHT: JULIE MARENZI!!
NEED WE SAY MORE?



RIGHT, L-R: JIM HOWARD, WENDY
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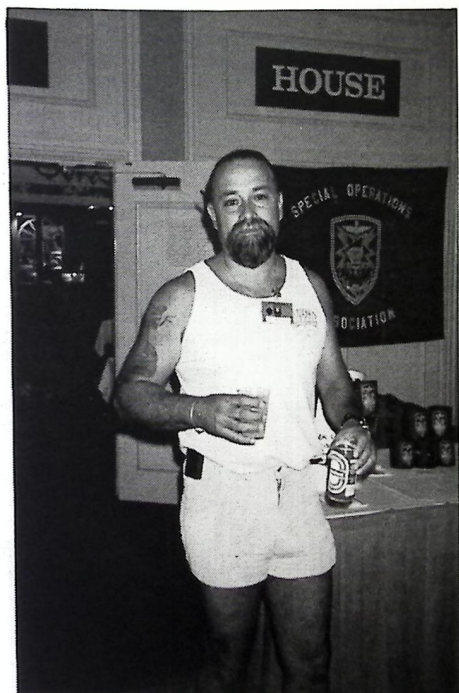
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For more information and application forms, please contact:

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LEFT, L-R: JOE & KARIN FREY;
GEORGE (JR) & KELLY GASPARD;
SPEEDY & SUSIE GASPARD; AND
DORSE & KATHY COOPER.



GREG RODRIQUEZ. (HIS INCOGNITO
CHANGES WITH THE SEASONS.)



CHARLIE BERG AND CLYDE SINCERE



RIGHT: JIM BUTLER & JACK ISLER,
STRIKING THEIR "ARMS CROSSED,
SAYS WHO?" POSITION.

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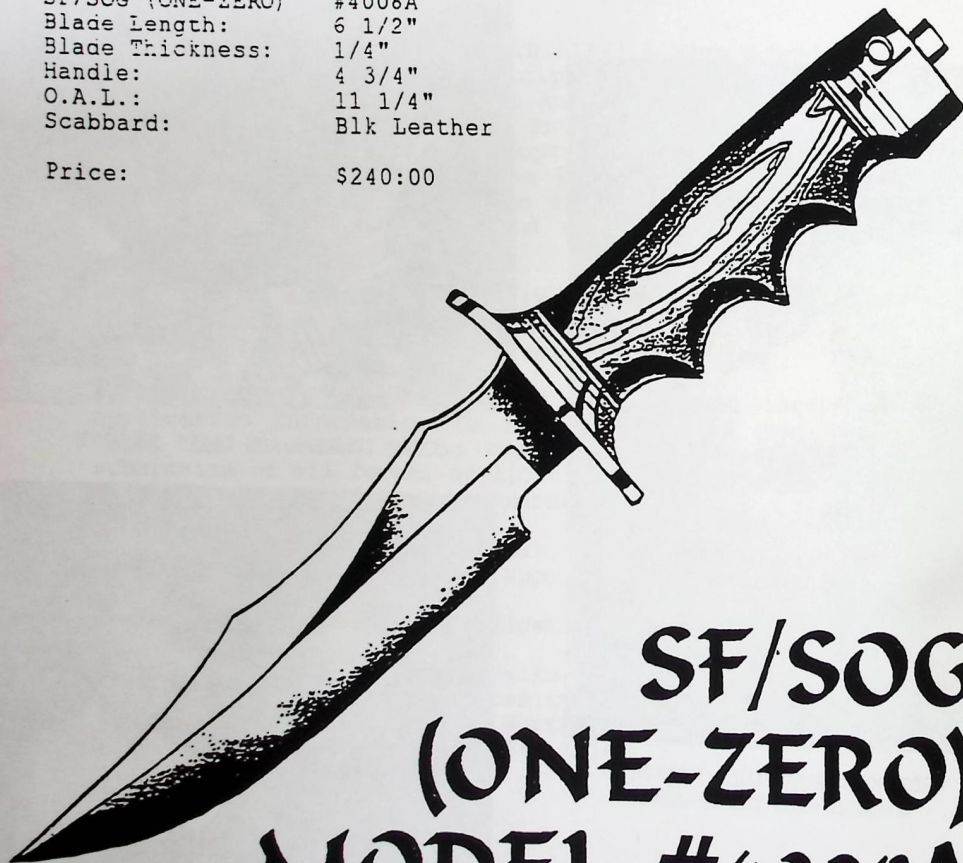
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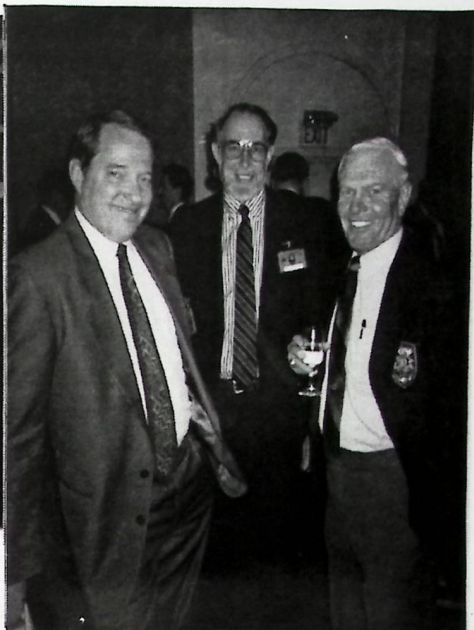


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ABOVE, L-R: JOHN FRYER, DICK SOMMERS, BILLY WAUGH, MIKE BURNS, PAPPY REED & RAY WHITTINGTON



ABOVE, RIGHT, L-R: CLAYTON SCOTT, BILL O'ROURKE AND JACK ABRAHAM

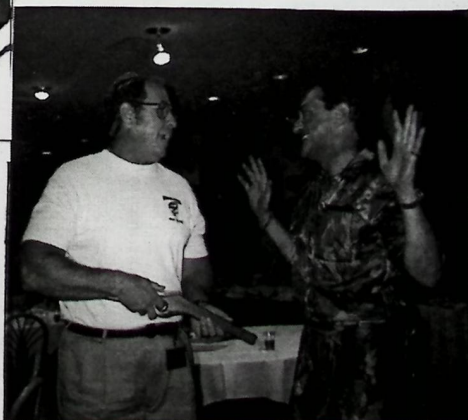


ABOVE, CLOCKWISE: DOTTIE BERG; LYNELLE & FM RITCHIE; DON & MARY ANN DEVERE; AND JOHN & ANNA FRYER.

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








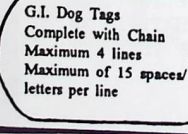

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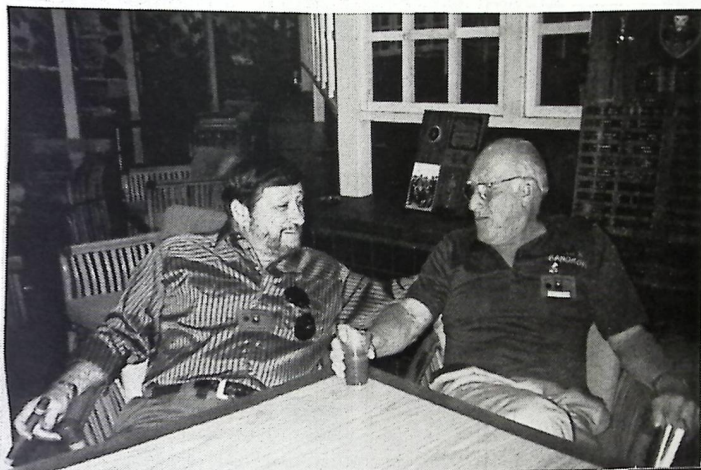
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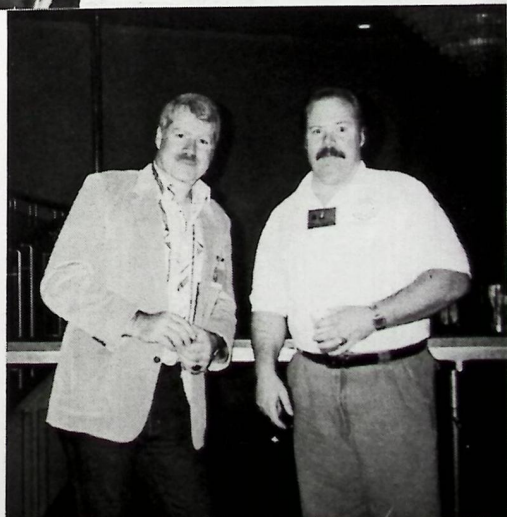
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LEFT: FRED PLATT TELLING RAY DAWSON OF ONE OF HIS "WHITE ROSE" MISSIONS.



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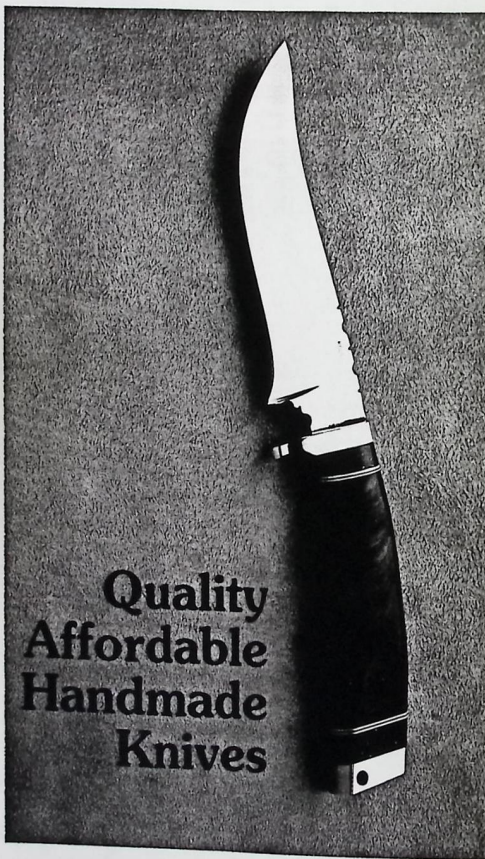
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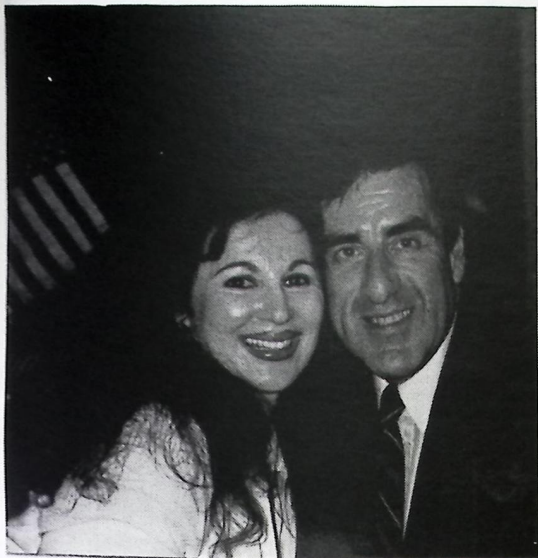
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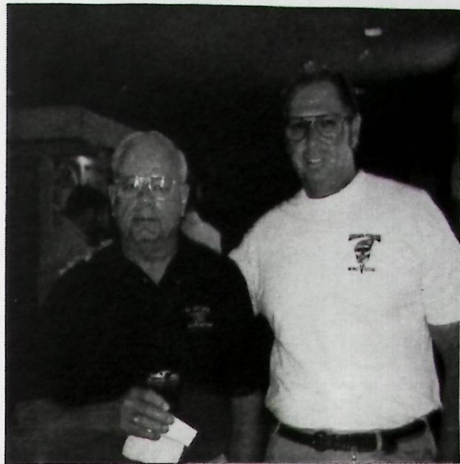
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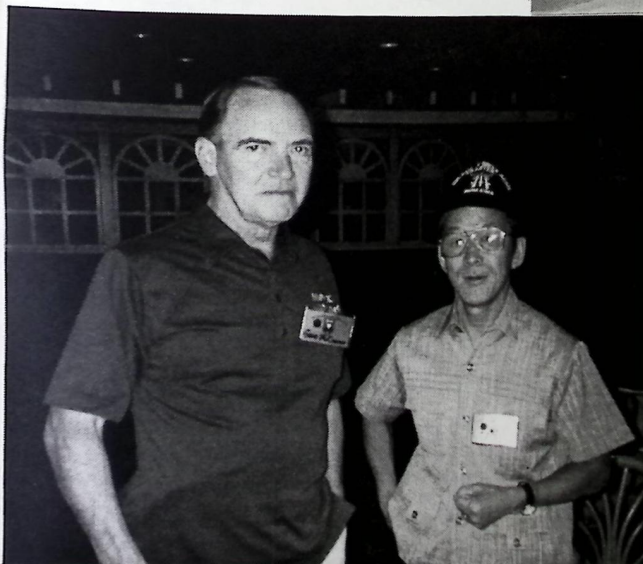


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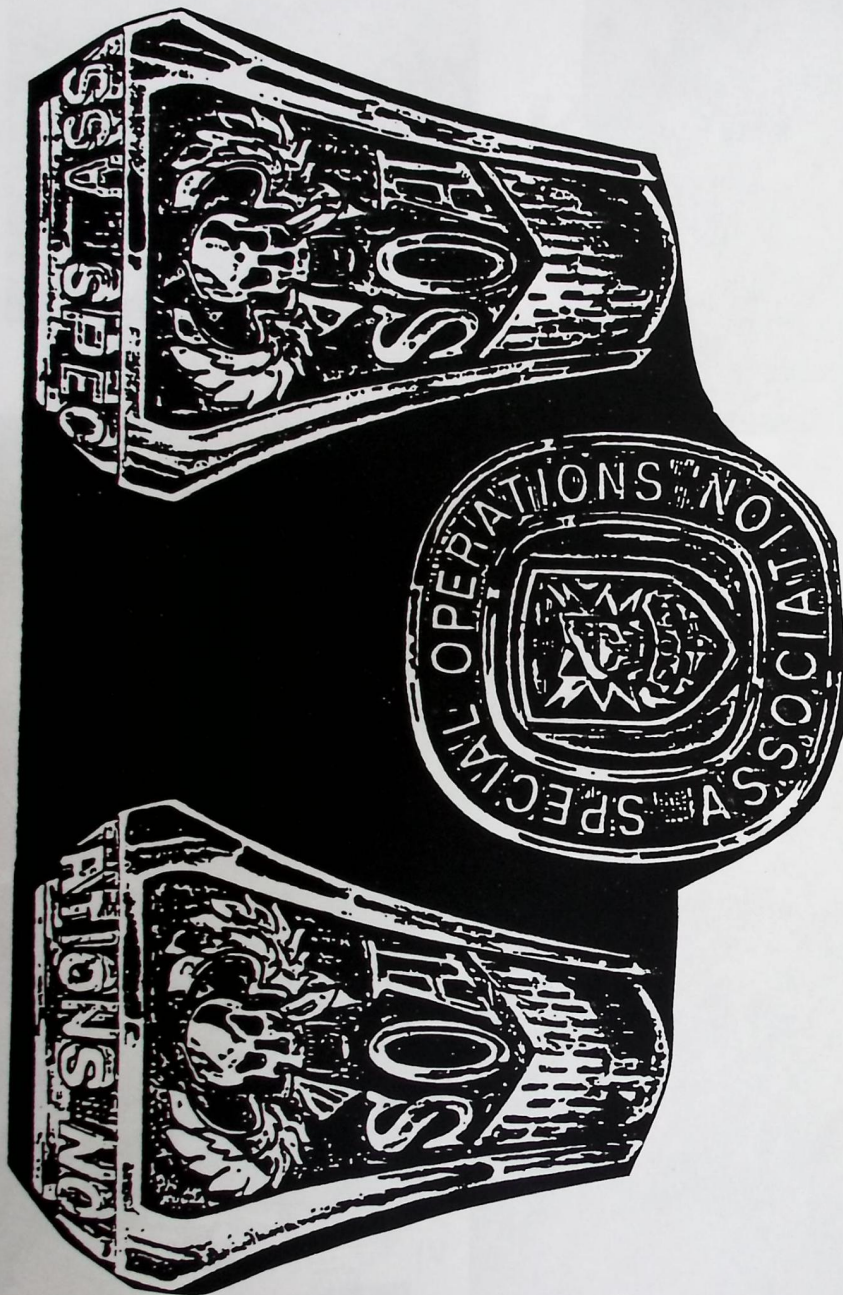


BOB NISSLEY AND JIM THOMPSON

RIGHT: DON BENJAMIN (SEATED)
CONDUCTING A SEANCE. L-R:
JERRY GINDER, JIM LAMOTTE,
RAY CHAMBERS, JIM STODDARD
& JOE FREY. DON ALSO DOES
QUIJA BOARDS ON REQUEST.
BELOW: GENE MCCARTHY & BO BOBROSKE.



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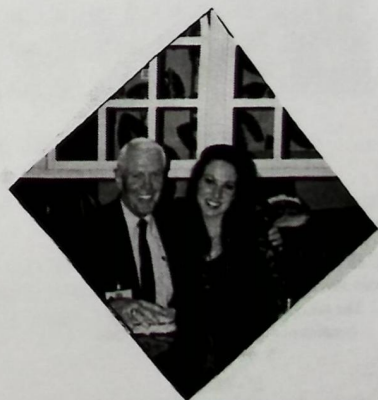


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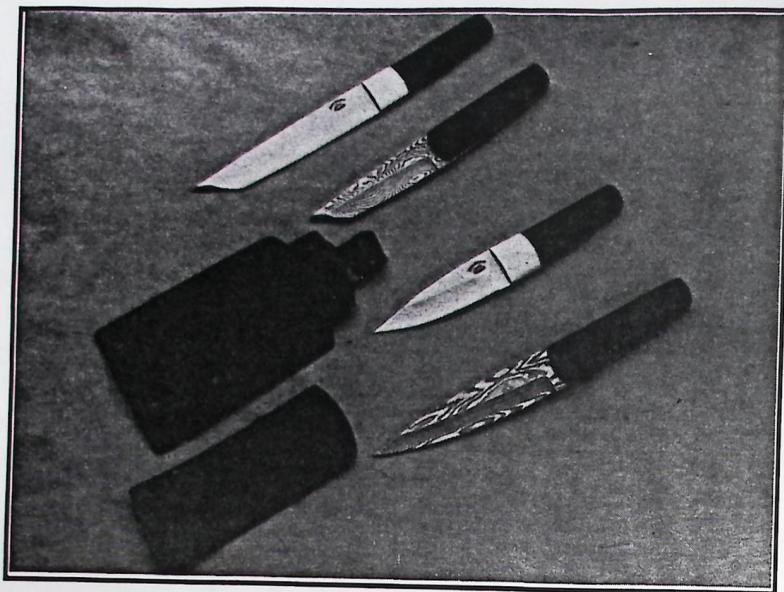
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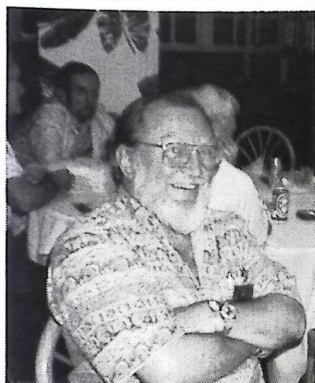




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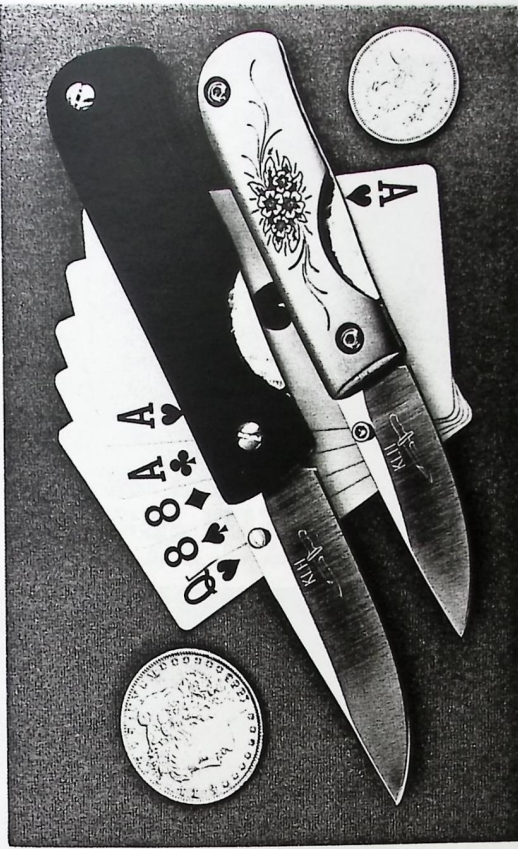
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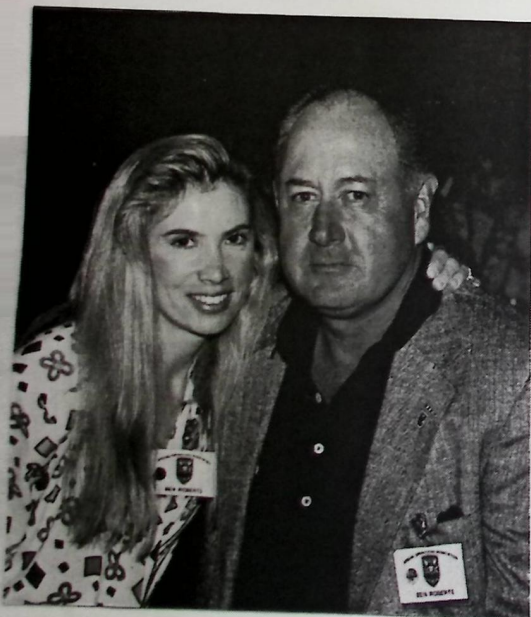


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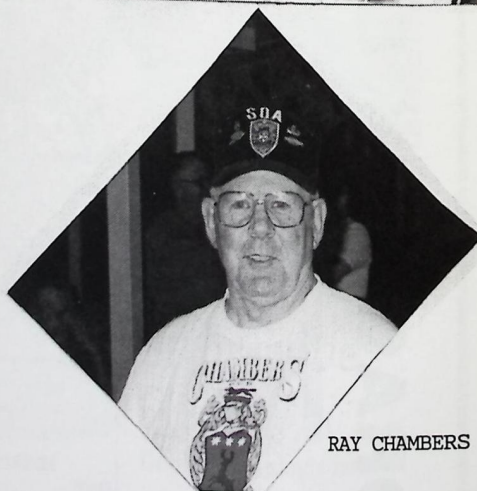


BILLY AND PILAR MENENDEZ BUTTERWORTH

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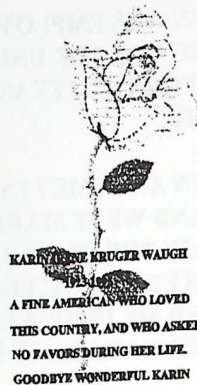


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11 JAN 95 0600 PST

AN OPEN LETTER TO SOA
MEMBERS:

THANKS TO THE SOA FOR
THE LOVELY FLOWERS WHICH
ARRIVED FOR KARIN IRENE
WAUGH'S MEMORIAL CEREMONY
PERFORMED AT 1400, 07 JAN 95, IN
LAS VEGAS.



A FEW WORDS
CONCERNING *KARIN'S* MEMORIAL, AND THE COMMITMENT OF HER
ASHES INTO THE PACIFIC.

ON SAT., 07 JAN, A SMALL GATHERING MET AT THE *PALM
MEMORIAL MORTUARY* TO SAY A FEW WORDS ABOUT *KARIN IRENE*.
THOSE THERE WERE *KARIN'S* FRIENDS WHO LOVED HER.

THE PASTOR'S JOB WAS TO READ A SYNOPSIS OF *KARIN'S* LIFE AS
SHE HAD RELATED IT TO ME. IT BEGAN IN 1923 IN KÖINGSBERG, EAST
PRUSSIA AT BIRTH, AND CONCLUDED IN LAS VEGAS, NV IN JAN 1995.

KARIN WAS EDUCATED TO BECOME A LINGUIST. DURING HER
HIGH SCHOOL SHE STUDIED LATIN (8 YEARS), ITALIAN, FRENCH,
ENGLISH, AND LITTLE SPANISH. *KARIN* BECAME AN ITALIAN
INTERPRETER AT THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN KOINGSBERG.

KARIN WAS DRAFTED INTO THE GERMAN ARMY IN 1944. HER
DUTIES IN THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT ARTILLERY, CONSISTED OF BEING ONE
OF 120 FEMALES WHO WORE A HARNESS TO PULL ANTI-AIRCRAFT
WEAPONS AROUND DANZIG, POLAND. *KARIN* ESCAPED THE RUSSIAN
ADVANCE IN 1945, AND, WITH HER SISTER, TREKED TO THE WEST
WHERE SHE SURRENDERED TO THE AMERICANS. (ALL OF *KARIN'S*
FAMILY MEMBERS, EXCEPT HER SISTER, WERE KILLED BY THE
RUSSIANS IN 1945).

KARIN BECAME AN ENGLISH INTERPRETER, MET AND MARRIED A
U.S. ARMY LTC, AND CAME TO THE U.S. OF A. (TO AUSTIN, TEXAS) IN
1949. HER HUSBAND DIED IN 1966, AND *KARIN* REMAINED IN AUSTIN,
TX., FOR SHE HAD COME TO LOVE THE AREA THERE.

LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW

Only 100 tickets @ \$25.00 each will be sold for each drawing.

a. The first drawing will take place following the General Membership Meeting on Saturday, 01 October 1994. Only those taking place in the "Draw" need remain, although all interested spectators are welcome.

b. The second drawing will take place following the Banquet on Saturday evening, 01 October 1994. Only those taking place in the "Draw" need remain, although all interested spectators are welcome.

All Stubs will be placed in the bucket, and withdrawn one at a time. There will be FOURTEEN winners of \$25.00 each; the 1st, 5th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 75th, 90th and 95th numbers drawn.

There will be FIVE (5) winners of \$50.00 each; the 10th, 30th, 50th, 70th and 80th numbers drawn. Any ticket holder may sell his ticket to anyone else at any time.

There will be FIVE (5) winners of \$75.00 each; the 12th, 24th, 36th, 48th and 96th numbers drawn.

There will be one (1) winner of \$1000.00; the last STUB remaining in the bucket.

After the 94th number has been drawn, ticket holders may auction off their tickets, or sell them directly to anyone else. (Any unsold ticket stubs will also be in the drum, and the "George C. Morton Scholarship Fund" will benefit if any of these numbers are drawn).

After the 98th number has been drawn, the remaining two (2) ticket-holders have a 50-50 chance of winning. They may bargain with each other to share in the prize; take their chances as is; or sell their ticket to anyone else.

For your information, a total of \$1975.00 is awarded to 25 winners. All remaining funds from the total \$2500.00 collected is turned over to the "George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund. One (1) out of four (4) chances, not too shabby, heh.

If you desire/elect to participate in Las Vegas Quick Draw, see Clyde Sincere for tickets. FYI, Clyde is not eligible to participate in Las Vegas Quick Draw in view of the fact he is acting in the capacity of "House Man".....First Come, first served - in other words, the first 100 tickets sold for each drawing closes out that drawing. Good Luck.

INFORMATIONAL NOTICE INFORMATIONAL NOTICE INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: All SOA Members:

FROM: The SOA Administrator.

This envelope contains your SOAR XVIII Pre-Reunion Packet (PRP).

The following items make up the PRP:

- a. Basic PRP Informational Newsletter.
- b. SOAR XVIII Advance-Discount Registration.
- c. SOA Memorabilia Sales Form.
- d. 1994 SOA Election Ballot.
- e. PLAZA HOTEL/CASINO Registration Envelope for accommodations for you and/or your guests.
- f. SOA Treasurer Envelope for 1995 Dues and/or SOAR XVIII Registration.
- g. SOA Memorabilia Sales Envelope to be used if you are electing to order any SOA Memorabilia items.
- h. 1994 SOA Election Ballot Envelope. This envelope containing your ballot only should be sealed and placed into:
 - i. Tally Committee Envelope.
 - j. Ten (10) George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund Tickets @ \$5.00 each.
 - k. Las Vegas Quick Draw Info Sheet.