



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION



PRE-REUNION PACKET

# SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION REUNION

## SOAR XIX

01-05 NOVEMBER 1995

PLAZA HOTEL AND  
CASINO  
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

ADVANCE REGISTRATION: \$80.00  
ROOMS: \$32.00 PLUS TAX

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SOAR KIX

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



### WEDNESDAY, 01 NOVEMBER 1995

1000-NLT 0200  
1000-1800

HOSPITALITY ROOM  
LATE REGISTRATION

### THURSDAY, 02 NOVEMBER 1995

1000-NLT 0200  
1000-1800

HOSPITALITY ROOM  
LATE REGISTRATION

### FRIDAY, 03 NOVEMBER 1995

1000-NLT 0200  
1000-1700  
1200-1330  
1430-1630

HOSPITALITY ROOM  
LATE REGISTRATION  
LUNCH (HOSTED BY SOA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

### SATURDAY, 04 NOVEMBER 1995

0900-1800  
0900-1800  
1000-1200  
1230-1330  
1800-1900  
1900-2015  
2015-2030  
2030-2045  
2130-NLT 0200

HOSPITALITY ROOM  
LATE REGISTRATION  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
LUNCH (HOSTED BY SOA)  
COCKTAILS (HOSTED BY SOA)  
POSTING OF THE COLORS/BANQUET  
INTRODUCTIONS OF BOD/VIPS  
RETIREMENT OF COLORS  
HOSPITALITY ROOM

### SUNDAY, 05 NOVEMBER 1995

0800-1200  
1200  
NLT -1200

HOSPITALITY ROOM  
CLOSING OF HOSPITALITY ROOM  
HOTEL CHECK-OUT

### MONDAY, 06 NOVEMBER 1995

NLT -1200

HOTEL CHECK-OUT



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

### SOAR XIX PRE-REUNION INFORMATION

1. It's time to begin making your plans for SOAR XIX. Arrangements have been finalized to conduct SOAR XIX at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas, NV starting at 1000 hours on 01 November and ending at 1200 hours on 05 November. Jack Abraham, Reunion Chairman and his committee, as usual, have done a great job getting things organized for the reunion and from all indications it will be another good one.
2. SOAR XIX will be dedicated to Martha "Maggie" Raye who passed away, 19 October 1994 at the age of 78 in Los Angeles, CA. Any SOA member having photographs of Martha Raye and desiring to lend them to the SOA for possible selection and inclusion in the SOAR XIX AAR, please provide them to Clyde Sincere, SOA Administrator, via mail or directly at SOAR XIX.
3. Registration rates remain at \$80 for early registration--the same as the past three years. In order to take advantage of this 20% saving you must get your registration form and fee to Ralf Miller, SOA Treasurer, NLT 18 October. All registrations received after 18 Oct 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.)
4. 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 01 October 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. (Plaza Hotel Phone 1-800-634-6575.)

5. 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!!!

6. Our Hospitality Room and Registration area will be located on the third floor of the hotel in the same area as last years reunion. (Prior location of the Thai Restaurant)

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 XIX should ensure they contact Clyde Sincere NLT 30 September at 1-703-620-1262. Vendor tables will be closed NLT 1200, Sunday 05 November. 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 several years, but something you may not be aware of is that the ring is also being offered with an 18 diamond embellishment. We would like to place an order for the rings by 1 September. (This will enable us to have the rings before SOAR XIX.) 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. Enclosed in each PRP are 10 tickets (costing \$5.00 each) for The George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund Raffle. Like the last couple of years, 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, 5 November. Everyone is requested to give this program their 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 18 Oct 94 or turned in at SOAR XIX, prior to the banquet. If you need additional tickets, contact Clyde Sincere or Ralf Miller.

11. 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 15 Oct 94.) If you bring the donations with you to the reunion, please ensure that Clyde gets

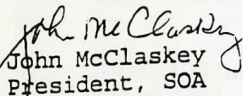
them on your first day of arrival. He will establish a display area for raffle items that provides easy access for viewing by all members. Additional tickets for this raffle will be available at the registration desk. Remember, raffle item donations are tax deductible, and your support in this effort keeps our scholarship program financially secure.

12. Just a reminder, the weather should still be nice 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.

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

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

Best Regards,

  
John McClaskey  
President, SOA



# SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

## FACT SHEET

The SOA is a fraternal organization of American and foreign participants of special military operations in combat theaters, primarily during the Southeast Asian conflict. Its membership currently exceeds 1100 members. The SOA 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 participated in missions deep within hostile territory in a combat capacity.

For the most part, the Association is comprised of U.S. Army Special Forces personnel, but also includes U.S. Air Force Air Commandos, U.S. Navy SEALs, U.S.M.C. Force Recon personnel 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 within hostile enemy territory or have been assigned to U.S. 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 Colonel Morton and of those who served in "Special Operations" units and/or were POW/MIA and still unaccounted for.

The SOA is recognized by the U.S. Department of Defense and by the IRS as a non-profit veterans organization operating on tax deductible donations. Annual membership dues are \$25.00 U.S.; Lifetime membership fee is \$250.00 U.S. The organization currently has no general membership meetings other than the annual reunion.

The 19th annual reunion (SOAR XIX) will be held in Las Vegas from 01-05 November 1995 at the Plaza Hotel & Casino. The SOA is anticipating more than 350 members and guests. SOAR XIX will be dedicated to the memory of an exceptional long-time supporter - Colonel "Maggie" Martha Raye. Hope to see you all there.



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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. 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. Some items, rings for instance, must be ordered in advance.

### 2. SOA BUSINESS CARD ADS:

The SOA is again offering an opportunity for any member desiring to place a Business Card Ad in the 1996 Membership Directory to do so for a fee of \$25.00. The Cards will be displayed alphabetically, four (4) minimum per page, at the end of the directory. The directory will be issued in January 1996 along with the SOAR XIX AAR. Members interested in this service should provide a photo-reproducible business card and a \$25.00 check made payable to the "SOA" c/o Clayton S. Scott, P.O. Box 250161, San Francisco, California 94125. Ads and checks must be received prior to 1 December 1995.

### 3. LOST SOULS:

a. The SOA has to be by its very nature the most transient group on this earth. Fortunately, some members do keep the Association informed of their many relocations, many however, do not and this is bewildering in that each and everyone of you pay your dues to receive the publications the Association dispatches to you throughout the year.

b. Again this year the Association is attempting to reach out to the following members. Request any member having a "solid" address on the following "lost souls" to please provide it to the Association Administrator. The methodology the Association utilizes in order to reduce publication losses is to mail "First Class" the Spring Newsletters to all members. Remaining publications are dispatched by "Third Class" mailings to reduce overall postage costs. The downside to "Third Class" mail is that it is not forwarded in the event a member relocates. It is frustrating to receive returned first class mail marked: "Undeliverable" due to either "Authorized Time For Forwarding Has Expired" or "No Forward Order on File", and/or "Unable to Forward" or "Moved, Left No Forwarding Address".

122-L Barksdale, Charles  
353-L Bales, Arnold  
2-L Chapman, Leslie  
39-L Daniels, Bob  
427-L Hanlon, James  
778-L Henry, Kenneth W.

346-L Craig, James  
128-L Parsley, Jimmie  
16-L Rodriquez, Rick  
853-L Odorizzi, Charles  
138-L Smith, Thomas  
70-L Silk, John

337-L Standfier, David  
953-L Dahl, Glenn  
511-L McIntire, Melvin C.

595-AL Wilson, Thomas  
839-HL Neeban, Yky

4. INSIGNIA DISPLAY:

Word has it that Mr. Scott Kilpatrick will again display his insignia collection at SOAR XIX. Many attendees at SOAR XVIII commented quite favorably on his collection and were looking forward to an expanded display at SOAR XIX.

5. SOA COPYRIGHTED LOGO:

Apparently its time to again remind the membership and in some instances individuals outside the membership that the SOA Logo is "COPYRIGHTED" with the USG. No individual may use the SOA "logo" in any form without the express permission of the Board of Officers and Directors "in writing". If you have any questions in this regard, you are requested to contact the Association Administrator.

6. RAFFLE & DOOR PRIZE DONATIONS:

a. Again, SOAR XIX is going to have a number of outstanding prizes to offer to the membership. Already, in hand is a super "fighting" knife product from Mr. Kevin L. Hoffman and a number of "fighting knives" donated by Association member Paul Brubaker. Paul purchased these knives for the purpose of assisting in the preparation of articles he writes on their merits. In view of the fact he is now retired from actively using these knives in the defense of his body - he thought he'd try and assist the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship. Thank you gentlemen.

b. If you have an item that you wish to donate to SOAR XIX, you are requested to either mail it to Clyde Sincere direct at his quarters in Oakton, Virginia now, but, NLT 15 October 1995 - or if you unfortunately cannot attend SOAR XIX mail it to the Plaza Hotel & Casina to arrive NLT 31 October 1995 c/o SOAR XIX, Attn: Jack Abraham/Clyde Sincere - or bring it with you to SOAR XIX and present it to Clyde Sincere as early as possible in order that he can arrange its display and credit you as a donator.

c. Wait until you see what Don Benjamin has donated to SOAR XIX this year! I'm going to keep it a mystery until SOAR XIX. Its special and places the Ruger 22-250 Rifle that he donated to SOAR XVIII far into history.

7. SEPARATE BRIEFINGS, SOAR XIX:

Again, as at SOAR XVIII, you will have an opportunity following the SOA hosted Luncheon on Saturday, 04 November 1995

of listening to a number of briefings presented by SOA members:

a. NORM DONEY, 665-L: (1400-1450 hours). Norm will brief on the latest POW/MIA information he has compiled to include the most recent revelation by former Congressman Billy Hendon relating to an alleged secret underground prison located in an area called Hung Hoa in a military security zone 50 miles northwest of Hanoi. The U.S. Joint Task Force-Full Accounting has requested access to the area and called in a "special investigator of reports of "live sightings" of captive Americans.

b. BOB DONOGHUE, 680-G: (1500-1550 hours). Bob will brief on his latest trip to Khe-Sanh (Number Four) conducted during the period 27 April-17 May 1995. He has provided a superb AAR of this latest trip that will be available to all SOAR XIX attendees to peruse prior to his briefing. It will be available with maps and photos galore in the hospitality suite. Bob has an extensive list of individuals to include many SOA members that assisted in making this latest trip a success by their donations - both in monies, medical and other various items. Bob wishes to extend his thanks and appreciation in person to each SOA member that attends SOAR XIX. Bob's next trip to Vietnam will take place in April '96 - "Want to go with him"?

c. PETER ROTHWELL, 706-G: (1600-1650 hours). Something different here....Pete will brief attendees on the "THE MALAYA EMERGENCY, 1948-60". Pete will bring to this briefing some unusual lessons learned by the Australian forces in Malaya and then how they were transferred into positive actions in Vietnam (primarily with the MIKE FORCES) during the ten (10) years the "folks from down under" served there. The briefing will take approximately 40 minutes and Pete is willing to accept questions for as long as it takes to answer them. Pete, thank you for volunteering to present this very interesting aspect of your experiences to SOAR XIX. We all look forward to it.

8. LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW: Immediately following the "adjournment" of the General Membership Meeting on 4 November 1995, Clyde Sincere will conduct the first of the "Las Vegas Quick Draws" for those members and their guests that elected (paid) to participate. Those interested individuals are requested to remain in the General Membership meeting room. You need not be present if other commitments preclude your attendance. A chart reflecting the results of the drawing will be posted in the Hospitality Suite. Winners (last year there were 51 as a result of both drawings), should check with Clyde Sincere and claim your winnings. Good Luck. FYI, also immediately following the "adjournment" of the Banquet on the evening of 4 November the second drawing will take place. Same rules and results - need not be present, but, see Clyde if you have any winnings coming.

9. SOA/AmeriVox PRE-PAID PHONE CARD: (Domestic Use Only):

a. Included in this PRP is information and forms that will permit SOA members to purchase, ( if they so desire) a pre-paid long-distance phone card reflecting the SOA logo thru the Association Administrator prior to SOAR XIX. This unusual SOA logo phone card will be restricted in its distribution, in that it can only be purchased by a SOA member.

b. Queries relating to the purchase and use of the SOA card may be addressed to the Association Administrator by calling (703) 620-0953. A limited number of cards will be available at SOAR XIX, so I suggest you get your mail order in now. See the enclosed information as to how the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund will benefit by you purchasing and using a SOA/AmeriVox pre-paid long distance phone card.

10. "SPONSORED ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP":

a. Your attention is directed to paragraph B.5., page 10 of the SOAR XVIII AAR relating to the "Resolution of conflict of the By-Laws and the SOA Membership Application Form as it relates to Associate Membership": At the General Membership Meeting on 1 October 1994, a motion was made and seconded to conduct a vote at the SOAR XIX General Membership Meeting for the purpose of deciding the future of SOA "sponsored" Associate Membership. FYI, at the recent Board of Officers and Directors meeting, held during the period 27-30 April 1995, the Board approved the following three (3) options to be placed before the General Membership to be voted on.

(1) \_\_\_\_ That a candidate for "sponsored" Associate Membership be sponsored by four (4) General Members in good standing.

(2) \_\_\_\_ That a candidate for "sponsored" Associate Membership be sponsored by four (4) General Members in good standing and receive the unanimous approval of the entire Membership Committee.

(3) \_\_\_\_ No "sponsored" Associate Membership.

b. For clarification purposes as it relates to qualifying for "Associate Membership" in the SOA, an applicant must supply adequate documentation to prove assignment to one (1) of the units recognized by the Association in a position in which the applicant's routine or normal duty did not involve direct threat or exposure to hostile fire. Nuff said.....

# AL MAR KNIVES



## SPECIAL FORCES ONE-ZERO

### SF/SOG

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

### BLADE MAGAZINE

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

### KNIFE WORLD

During the early 1960s the Green Berets began issuing a combat knife of their own design to members of their elite reconnaissance teams. These teams operated throughout Indo-China and were involved in some of the most secretive operations of the Vietnam War. The knife became a mark of distinction, and later a remembrance for those that fought under the motto "De Oppresso Liber". Al Mar, former Green Beret, has brought the knife that made history back, named in honor of the numerical

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

THE SPECIAL FORCES ONE-ZERO • Display it with pride.

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

## AL MAR KNIVES THE WARRIOR'S EDGE

SF/SOG (ONE-ZERO)

Blade Length:

Blade Thickness:

Handle:

O.A.L.:

Scabbard:

#4008A

6 1/2"

1/4"

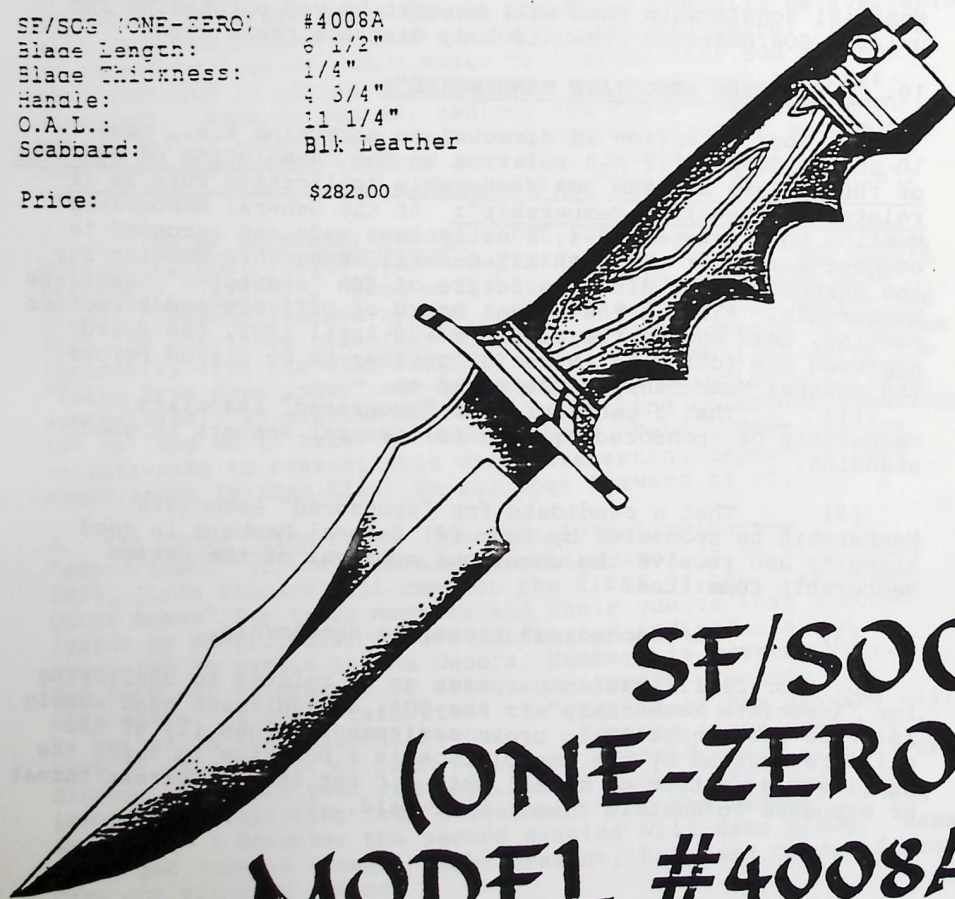
4 5/4"

11 1/4"

Blk Leather

Price:

\$282.00



SF/SOG  
(ONE-ZERO)  
MODEL #4008A



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**by LTC (RET) IAN D.W. SUTHERLAND**

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REFERENCE BOOK**

**SEE MEMORABILIA  
SALES ORDER FORM  
TO PLACE AN ORDER  
ONLY \$44.**

### LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW

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

The first drawing will take place immediately following the General Membership Meeting on Saturday morning, 04 November 1995. Only those taking place in the "draw" need remain, although all interested spectators are welcome.

The second drawing will take place immediately following the Banquet on Saturday evening, 04 November. Again, only those taking place in the "draw" need remain. Your name and SOA# are placed on the back of each purchased stub. You need not be present to win at either of the "drawings".... If you are one (1) of the lucky winners, Clyde Sincere will locate you and pay you off on-the-spot.....

All stubs will be placed into the "drawing 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 winners of \$50.00 each; the 10th, 30th, 50th, 70th and 80th numbers drawn.

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

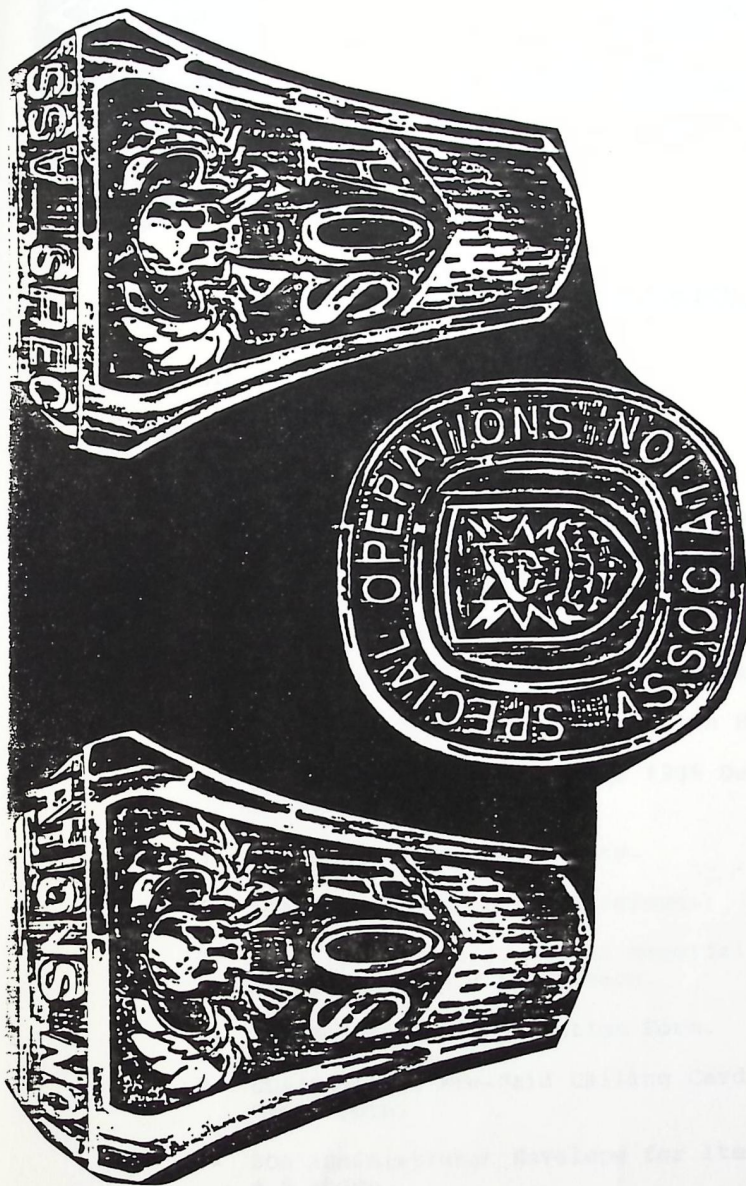
There will be ONE winner of \$1000.00; the last stub remaining in the bucket.

After the 94th number has been drawn, ticket holders may elect to auction off their ticket stubs, or sell them directly to anyone else. (Any unsold ticket stubs will also be in the drum, and the "GEORGE C. MORTON MEMORIAL 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 the \$1000.00. They may bargain with each other to share in the prize; take their chances as is, or sell their ticket to anyone else.

FYI, a total of \$1,975.00 is awarded. All remaining funds from the total collected are placed into the "GEORGE C. MORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND". One (1) out of four (4) chances to win during the conduct of each drawing. Not too shabby....

If you desire/elect to participate in SOAR XIX Las Vegas Quick Draw, see Clyde Sincere for tickets. First Come, first served - in other words, the first 100 tickets sold for each drawing, closes out that drawing. Good Luck.



### "THE SOA RING"

THE PICTURE ABOVE IS THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICIAL RING. ITS DESIGN IS PROTECTED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT COPYRIGHT. IT IS AVAILABLE IN TEN KARAT GOLD FOR \$375., OR IN STERLING SILVER FOR \$175. SHIPPING IS EXTRA. ALSO, THE SOA HAS ADDED AN EMBELLISHMENT OF DIAMONDS (18), .4K WT. FOR AN ADDITIONAL \$325. RINGS ORDERED NOW WILL BE SHIPPED PRIOR TO SOAR XIX. WHEN ORDERING, REQUEST YOU TYPE OR PRINT EXACTLY HOW YOU DESIRE YOUR NAME TO BE ENGRAVED INSIDE OF THE RING; ALSO, BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER AND CORRECT RING SIZE. (YOU ARE LIMITED TO 20 CHARACTERS/ SPACES). THE SOA IS NOT RESPONSIBLE IF THE WRONG SIZE RING IS ORDERED. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CONTACT A JEWELER TO DO THE SIZING FOR YOU...





*4-Tickets for Morton  
Scholarship*

*3-Tickets Memorial Fund*



INFORMATIONAL NOTICE    INFORMATIONAL NOTICE    INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

TO: All SOA Members

FROM: The SOA Administrator

SUBJECT: Pre-Reunion Packet (PRP).

This envelope contains your SOAR XIX PRP:

The following items are incorporated into this packet:

- 1- PRP Informational Newsletter.
- 2- SOAR XIX Advance Discount Registration Form.
- 3- Plaza Hotel & Casino Reservation Envelope.
- 4- SOA Treasurer Envelope for 1996 Dues and/or SOAR XIX Registration.
- 5- SOA Memorabilia Sales Form.
- 6- SOA Memorabilia Sales Envelope.
- 7- Ten (10) George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund Raffle Tickets @ \$5.00 each.
- 8- SOA Membership Application Form.
- 9- SOA/AmeriVox Pre-Paid Calling Card Information and Order Form.
- 10- SOA Administrator Envelope for Items Referenced in # 9 Above.
- 11- Ten (10) SOA Memorial Fund Raffle Tickets @ \$5.00 each.
- 12- SOA Memorial Fund Chairman/Treasurer Envelope for Items Referenced in #11 above.

3-11-60 Murray Ford  
4-11-60 for Murray

INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGEDLY FALSE INFORMATION

TO: All SACs

FROM: The SAC, New York

SUBJECT: The Alleged False Information

This investigation was conducted by the SAC, New York, on 3-11-60.

The following information was obtained from the SAC, New York, on 3-11-60:

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## MEMORABILIA SALES ITEMS



	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
<b>RING, WITH SOA CREST, (SIZE _____)</b>			
STERLING SILVER	\$175.00	_____	_____
10 CARAT GOLD	\$375.00	_____	_____
DIAMONDS (18) EMBELLISHMENT (.4C WT.)	\$325.00	_____	_____
AROUND RING LOGO/ADD TO RING COST			
(LIMITED TO 20 CHARACTERS/SPACES)			
<b>NAME &amp; SOA NUMBER TO BE ENGRAVED INSIDE RING: _____</b>			
<b>CAP, GOLF, POPLIN, (ONE SIZE FITS ALL):</b>			
"SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION" IN GOLD	\$12.00	_____	_____
EMBROIDERED ON BLACK CAP, W/LEATHER STRAP			
<b>DECALS, SOA CREST, 5 COLORS (FOR WINDOWS)</b>			
INSIDE OR OUTSIDE, SPECIFY _____	\$3.50	_____	_____
<b>MUGS, BLACK IRONSTONE (CERAMIC)</b>			
COFFEE MUG (11 OZ) W/GOLD CREST	\$10.00	_____	_____
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<b>PATCHES, EMBROIDERED</b>			
CCN/CCC/CCS 3&1/4" X 4&1/4"	\$8.00	_____	_____
SOA, 5 COLOR 2&3/4" X 4&1/4"	\$8.00	_____	_____
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LAPEL PINS, SOA CREST	\$3.50	_____	_____
TIE TACK, SOA CREST	\$3.50	_____	_____
PEN & PENCIL SET W/SOA LOGO	\$21.00	_____	_____
SOA COIN (COPPER OR PEWTER) SPECIFY _____	\$10.00	_____	_____
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SOA BULLION BLAZER PATCH	\$30.00	_____	_____
SOA CANVAS 12" X 18" GYM BAG	\$10.00	_____	_____
BOOK, "SPECIAL FORCES OF THE U.S. ARMY"	\$44.00	_____	_____
BY LTC (RET) IAN SUTHERLAND			
SOA JACKET, SATIN, LINED, M-XL, SIZE _____	\$30.00	_____	_____
T-SHIRTS, L-XL ONLY, SOA CREST ON BREAST	\$12.50	_____	_____
BLACK, SIZE _____			
WATCH, SOA LOGO, QUARTZ, LEATHER BAND	\$35.00	_____	_____
AL MAR SF/SOG (ONE ZERO) MODEL #4008A1 KNIFE:	\$195.00	_____	_____
6&1/2 " BLADE, BLACK HANDLE AND			
BLACK LEATHER SCABBARD.			
SHIRT, GOLF, BLACK W/CREST, L/XL/XXL: SIZE _____	\$29.95	_____	_____
BUCKLE, BRASS, SOA	\$19.95	_____	_____

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# 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:

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

1954-PRESENT: COMBINED ARM STUDIES; MACVISOG; 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 SPECIAL FORCES ON SPECIAL OPERATIONS; OTHER SPECIAL OPERATIONS UNITS INVOLVED 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."



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION



1. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_
2. ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_
3. CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE ( ) \_\_\_\_\_
4. SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_ PRIOR 1969 SERVICE # \_\_\_\_\_
5. TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: GENERAL \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE \_\_\_\_\_ (SEE TYPES AND REQUIREMENTS OF MEMBERSHIPS)
6. IF YOU HAVE APPLIED FOR A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BUT THE LISTED DUTIES DO NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THAT CATEGORY, WILL YOU ACCEPT AN ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_
7. ASSIGNMENT TO MILITARY OR CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS THAT QUALIFY YOU FOR MEMBERSHIP:

UNIT OR PROJECT	DATES OF SERVICE	DUTIES	LOCATION

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

NAME	UNIT	MEMBER #

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

## AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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



## SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

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

SUBJECT: Spring 1995 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 we last met at SOAR XVIII on 28 Sep - 2 Oct 94 in Las Vegas.

Members are reminded that the Special Operations Association is an "APOLITICAL" TAX EXEMPT ORGANIZATION. The Association is not responsible for any view an individual member may wish to promote or comments they may make.

**Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting:** The Board of Officers and Directors met last month, on 28-29 Apr, at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Billy Waugh also attended as an observer at one of the sessions. The purpose of the meeting was to take care of outstanding Association business and to coordinate SOAR XIX requirements. Many things were accomplished at the meeting, much of which will be addressed later as separate topics. My heartfelt thanks to the Board for their support and contributions made at the meeting. Also, thanks to Billy Waugh and Jim Thompson for taking the time to pick up and drop off the Board Members at the Las Vegas Airport.

**SOAR XIX:** Jack Abraham, Director and Chairman of the Reunion Committee reports that the majority of SOAR XIX considerations/requirements have been coordinated and completed. Those that are still open will be completed soon. **Reminder:** Due to a scheduling conflict, the reunion will be held a month later than normal, at the Plaza Hotel & Casino during the period 1-5 November 1995. The Plaza has treated the SOA extremely well for the past four years and we are looking forward to the same level of support this year. For example, our room rates remain the same (\$32.00 + 3.20 tax). Pre-Reunion Packets (PRP) containing schedule of events and other details concerning the reunion will be mailed to the SOA Membership late July.

**Speakers:** Individuals desiring to speak or show video tapes etc. to the General Membership during the reunion are requested to contact Clyde Sincere, SOA Administrator, so the subject can be added to the schedule of events and arrangements can be made to meet audio/visual requirements.

**SOA Memorial:** The SOA Memorial Committee, formed to research the feasibility of a project of this type is doing an outstanding job in researching, coordinating and getting ready to present their recommendations at SOAR XIX's General Membership Meeting. Larry Trimble, Committee Chairman, provided the following progress report:

**Location:** Washington DC will be the primary location and Fort Bragg the alternate. Contact has been made with the Chairman, National Capital Memorial Commission regarding criteria to erect a memorial at our Nation's Capitol. Additionally, contact has been made with several members of Congress requesting their support in sponsoring legislation which is required for the memorial.

**Design:** The Committee is still looking for suggestions, but they have talked to some designers and are currently looking at designing a memorial with a life size bronze statue of all Special Operation Units, Green Berets, Navy Seals, etc. with each units logo and motto below the statue on a large stone.

**Funding:** A separate fund for construction of the memorial has been set up for the control and accountability of funds raised for the project. Anyone wishing to make a "tax deductible" donation in memory of a friend or fallen comrade may do so by sending it to Larry Trimble, 6251 Canella Dr., Orland, CA 95963. A letter will be provided (required by the IRS) for all donations in excess of \$250.

**Business Card Advertising:** The Association is selling business card ads for \$25 to be placed in the 1995 Membership Directory. Cards will be displayed alphabetically, four per page, at the end of the directory. The directory will be issued in January 1996 along with the After-Action Report. Members interested in this service should send a photo-reproducible business card and \$25 check payable to "SOA" to Clayton Scott, P.O. Box 250161, San Francisco, CA 94125. Ads and checks must be received prior to 1 December 1995.

**SOA Ring:** We are still pushing our copyrighted SOA ring. You can get this ring in either silver or 10 carat gold. Also, it is now available with an 18 diamond embellishment around the SOA Logo. Your name and SOA membership number will be engraved on the inside of the ring. Order one now from SOA Memorabilia Sales before they go up in price.

**Scholarship Awards:** The SOA Scholarship Committee reported that they are currently considering 11 applicants for SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship awards...for the academic period beginning the Fall of 1995. Letters announcing the awards will be forwarded to the selectees late May. All members are encouraged to support the Scholarship Fund by purchasing raffle tickets, that will be included in the PRP, for EE Savings Bonds. Winners need not be present to win!

**Insignia Display:** Bill Kilpatrick and his son Scott will be displaying their collection of Special Forces / MACV-SOG Vietnam era insignia again at this year's reunion. Their goal is to preserve the history of our insignia, and the insignia itself. They have asked the following of our group:

-Please bring examples of any insignia (patches, crests, team jackets, berets, boonie hats, party suits, etc.) that you may have.

-Bring any photographs that you may have of personnel wearing insignia.

The Kilpatrick's display their collection at numerous public events and strongly support our organization and more importantly, our history. Even if you do not have anything to show, stop by and chat with the Kilpatricks and share any information that you may have. They will be video taping oral histories with members who are interested.

**Membership Dues Reminder:** Membership dues for calendar year 1995 were due 31 Dec 94. For those of you who have not sent in your dues, please do so as soon as possible. Those that do not will be dropped from the roster and mailing list prior to the PRP mailing in July.

Now some sad news--

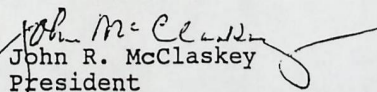
Joseph Cincotti (#908-L) passed away of a heart attack on 28 April 1995. No further details were available at the time this letter was written.

Gary Martin (#795-G), one of our Australian Army members, passed away on 9 Mar 95. Gary died still fighting his own war for deserved recognition of his fellow veterans. He was committed wholeheartedly to his family and dedicated to making people realize the Vietnam War left a legacy behind, both physical and mental. He will be missed.

"Ralf Miller" (#60-L) thanks all members of the SOA for the beautiful flowers and card sent to his Mother's memorial service. Ralf's Mother passed away 11 March 1995. He sincerely thanks all of you...."it really helped".

Well that about sums it up. If you have any comments or suggestions I would appreciate hearing from you. Please do not hesitate to contact any of your Board members at any time. We are here to represent you. I look forward to seeing you at SOAR XIX.

Best Regards,

  
John R. McClaskey  
President

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**SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
ASSOCIATION  
AFTER ACTION REPORT  
SOAR XIX**

**1-5 NOVEMBER 1995**



**COLONEL "MAGGIE"**  
**27 AUGUST 1916 - 19 OCTOBER 1994**  
**"MAY GOD BLESS HER AND KEEP HER"**

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

NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

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## SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Thanks to all!** This has been another great year for the SOA and once again we find ourselves at that time of year when we reflect back on 1995 and the many things we have to be thankful for. My thanks to the Board of Officers/Directors and Administrator for keeping the SOA (and President) on course and providing the leadership necessary to accomplish our goals. I would also like to thank all who helped out at SOAR XIX and/or contributed to the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund and/or Special Operations Memorial Fund. Your support and participation is what keeps the SOA moving forward.

**SOAR XIX was a great success!** As usual, the Plaza Hotel & Casino bent over backwards in support of SOAR; all who attended the Reunion had a great time. Each year SOAR sets a new attendance record (320 members and guests at SOAR XIX as compared to 315 at SOAR XVIII). Additionally, each year the Reunion Committee seems to out do themselves from the previous Reunion by generously increasing the availability of free food & drinks without increasing registration costs. As a matter of fact, the Treasurer reports that after all SOAR XIX bills were paid we were still able to transfer some excess funds into the George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund. SOA's current assets have increased to \$167,000, from approximately \$160,000 at this time last year. (See Treasurer's Report for details).

**Rambo---eat your heart out!** Something different (weapons firing), was tried at SOAR XIX and was enjoyed by all who participated. John Thomas had access to a firing range, located about 40 miles from Las Vegas in the Nevada desert, and Mark Kinsler and Jim Ramsey, just happened to have a truck load of legally registered automatic weapons which they graciously allowed all to use. Mark & Jim donated the ammo to the Association and \$365 was collected from the shooters for the Scholarship Fund. By popular demand we will plan this activity again next year at SOAR XX. Thanks to John, Mark and Jim for their support and contributions.

**Special Operations Memorial approved!** At last year's reunion, SOAR XVIII, a committee was formed to determine the feasibility and costs associated with building a Special Operations Memorial to represent and honor all past and present Special Operations Personnel, and to report their findings and recommendations at SOAR XIX's General Membership Meeting. Larry Trimble, Memorial Committee Chairman and his committee did an excellent job in researching, planning and coordinating project requirements and reporting back to the membership. The membership overwhelmingly approved the

motion to move forward with the project and we all owe Larry and his committee a debt of gratitude for their efforts.

**Generosity is still alive and well!** In addition to some extremely generous raffle prizes donated again this year we had several members make large cash contributions to the Scholarship Fund.

Billy Waugh-----\$1,000

Mrs. Lear----- 500

Ray Dawson ----- 500 in memory of Walt Schumate

Ike Commancho ----- 500 in memory of Dick Meadows

Mark Kinsler & Jim Ramsey- 365 collected from shooters

Ray Chambers----- 250 in memory of Linwood Martin

On behalf of the General Membership, Board of directors and the kids who will benefit from your gifts, I want to say thank you.

**Moving?** Please advise Clayton Scott, Chairman, Membership Committee if you move or get a new phone number. He will update our records, but we need your help. Please let him know!

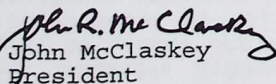
**It's election time again!** At the last reunion the nominating committee was formed to select candidates for the upcoming elections of Officers and Board Members. These elections are an important part of our future, for they will generate new ideas and new enthusiasm. The Nominating Committee, is made up of John McClaskey, Chairman and past Presidents, Jack Isler, Cliff Newman and Ray Whittington, Committee Members. The Committee is responsible for identifying candidates from which you may select the Officers and Board members that will carry this Association forward in the years to come. If you desire to run for an office, please let either myself or one of the Committee Members know.

**SOAR XX back on schedule!** As those of you who attended the General Membership Meeting at SOAR XIX know, the next reunion, SOAR XX, will be held from 25-29 September 1996 at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. (We were able to schedule SOAR a month earlier as in previous years.) Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly.

**Suggestions welcome!** The Board will hold a mid-year planning meeting on 2-4 May at the Plaza Hotel in Las Vegas. Purpose of the meeting is to take care of outstanding Association business and to coordinate SOAR XX 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, so please contact me or any member of the Board of Officers/Directors if you do.

Carolyn and I want to wish you and your family a safe and prosperous New year.

Best regards to all,

  
John McClaskey  
President



## 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 15, 1995 (all numbers rounded to nearest dollar).

### ASSETS:

#### CASH/CERTIFICATES/BONDS

Operating Account cash	\$ 4,528
Scholarship Account cash	2,858
Life Member Account cash	2,862
Convention Account cash	20,604
Memorabilia Account cash	7,259
Memorabilia Account inventory(cost)	4,726
Certificates of Deposit	85,000
EE Savings Bonds	40,147

#### TOTAL ASSETS:

**\$167,984**

### LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Scholarships Payable (thru May '97)	\$54,700
Total current liabilities	\$54,700

#### EQUITY:

Uncommitted SOA resources	\$113,162
Total Equity	\$113,162

#### TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY:

**\$167,984**

Notes: The approximate EE Savings Bond interest (accrued since 1992) is included in the above figures (minimum interest earned is 6%). At this minimum rate, the EE bonds will be worth \$60,000 at maturity 12 years from date of purchase... in the year 2004. The CD is for 2 years at 6% with monthly interest deposited directly into the Scholarship Account. This CD matures 14 November 1996. All checking accounts draw a variable interest rate ... now at 3.1%. By 31 Dec 95 the checking accounts will be reduced to the minimum appropriate balances (continuing to still avoid any service charges) with all excess account funds reinvested in a higher rate (return) instrument.

*Ralf M. Miller*  
RALF M. MILLER

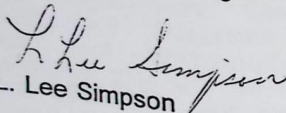
Treasurer, SOA

7035 Hidden Hills, North  
San Antonio, TX 78244

October 19, 1995

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

We have reviewed the bank accounts of the Special Operations Association for the nine month period ending September 30, 1995. The reconciliation of bank balances was performed using bank statements and the Association's check registers.

  
L. Lee Simpson

**SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**4 NOVEMBER 1995  
1000 HOURS**

I. The Special Operations Association General Membership Meeting was called to order at 1000 hours, Saturday, the 4th of November 1995 at the Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada by the SOA President, John McClaskey.

II. Mr. Harlan "Rip" Van Winkle 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:

President:	John McClaskey
Vice-President:	Wm. "Bill" O'Rourke
Treasurer & Chairman of the Scholarship Committee:	Ralf M. Miller
Director & Chairm of the Annual Reunion Committee:	Jack Abraham
Director & Monitor of the Memorabilia Sales Committee:	Don Benjamin Dan "Rock" Myers
Director:	
Director & Chairman of the Membership Committee:	Clayton S. Scott
Director & Monitor of the Nomina- ting and Tally Committees:	Ian Sutherland
Association Administrator:	Clyde J. Sincere

C. The following named Special Staff Members were present:

Chairman, Memorabilia Sales Committee:	George "Moe" Blakey
Chairman, Special Operations Memorial Research Committee:	Larry Trimble
1995 Sergeant At Arms:	Roy W. Bahr
1995 Sergeant At Arms:	"Rip" Van Winkle

D. The following named Special Staff Member was absent:

Chairman, Tally Committee:	Wm. "Bill" Lueders
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E. The following named Special Guest was present:

Mrs. Mary Ann Harrison

**NOTE:** Mrs. Harrison, widow of SOA member **Marshall Harrison, 990-G**, addressed the membership prior to the commencement of the business portion of the meeting. Mrs. Harrison wished to inform the membership of a project her late husband, Marshall had involved himself with at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. He was very instrumental in assisting in the establishment of the "Center For The Study of the Vietnam Conflict". Mrs. Harrison spoke of the goals of the "center" and offered to meet with any SOA member or guest interested in the program in the Hospitality Suite during the course of the Reunion. Additionally, Mrs. Harrison stated she had a number of brochures available on the "center" for those that desired to have one. The brochure also contains information relative to the 1996 Vietnam Symposium Program, entitled: "After the Cold War: Reassessing Vietnam", that will be held during the period 18-20 April 1996 at the Lubbock Plaza Holiday Inn, located in Lubbock, Texas. Anyone desiring further information may contact Mrs. Harrison at: (806) 795-4530.

V. Business Meeting:

A. Old Business:

1. Minutes of 01 October 1994: John McClaskey

The minutes of the 1st of October 1994 General Membership meeting were included in the SOAR XVIII 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 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 annual SOA reunions. SOA has \$60,000 (maturity value) in U.S. "EE" Savings Bonds (purchased for \$15K in 1992 and \$15K in 1993) and guaranteed at no less than 6%, (if kept five years); it has \$85,000 in a CD at 6% interest maturing 14 November 1996. The greatest source of income remains of course, the SOAR. Your participation is vital.. and, appreciated. SOAR XIX has indeed set another record in attendance.. and, that means dollars into the Convention account which is later transferred into the Scholarship Fund account 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 Banquet (with all 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, on 19 October 1995, 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. A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted as provided. Motion approved.

## 3. "Sponsored" Associate Membership

Vote:

John McClaskey

During the course of the General Membership meeting held during SOAR XVIII a discussion involving a conflict of the By-Laws and the SOA Membership Application Form developed relating to Associate membership. Mr. McClaskey accepted a motion from the floor to have a vote at the SOAR XIX General Membership meeting to decide the status of the SOA "sponsored" Associate Membership. Subsequently, Mr. McClaskey constituted a committee consisting of SOA Directors to prepare a "ballot" that would be presented to the voting membership during the SOAR XIX General Membership meeting. This was accomplished. However, during the discussion phase prior to the vote, a number of objections, comments and changes were surfaced by the membership as to the wording contained on the ballot. After an extremely long and detailed discussion, a ballot was presented to the membership and voted upon. Mr. William O'Rourke SOA Vice-President was designated by Mr. McClaskey to count the votes (by a show of hands).

**PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE - VOTE FOR ONE ONLY**

**NOTE:** The following reflects criteria for both Associate Membership and "Sponsored" Associate Membership.

**OPTION I:** Associate Membership - Associate non-voting membership is awarded to any person, upon application and approval of the Membership Committee, who has served or is now serving, in a Special Operations unit recognized by this Association in a position in which the applicant's routine or normal duty did not involve direct threat or exposure to hostile fire.

The applicant must supply adequate documentation to prove assignment to a Special Operations unit recognized by this Association or one General Member in good standing must verify the credentials of the applicant from first hand knowledge of the applicant while in this assignment.

or

The applicant must be sponsored by four General Members in good standing and receive the unanimous approval of the entire Membership Committee.

**NOTE:** This Option received the largest number of votes.

**OPTION II:** That a candidate for Associate Membership need only be sponsored by four General Members in good standing.

**NOTE:** There were "0" votes for this Option.

**OPTION III:** That no candidate for Associate Membership be accepted except through the presentation of conclusive documentation establishing assignment to one of the units recognized by this Association in a position in which his routine/normal duty did not involve direct threat or exposure to hostile fire.

**NOTE:** This Option received six votes.

The vote of the General Membership present having been taken, Option I was approved.

4. 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 \$116,000 through the academic school year commencing in the Fall of '98. The Scholarship Committee and every member of the SOA should be proud of this achievement. There are 21 current recipients.... They are:

Suzanne Sullivan  
Matt McGiffert  
Eileen Kinsley  
Renee' Waskovich  
Montana Mann  
Alana Laurence  
G. A. Blakey

Jeffrey Fry  
Kim Bieber  
Brett Butler  
Sarah Lee  
Stephanie Tocci  
Gennan L. Shippen  
Kira Burns

Erika Howard  
Robyn Marasco  
Kara Bieber  
Clifford Burns  
Teresa Abraham  
Abigail Lois  
Stephanie Butler

The SOA Treasurer provides a \$100 check each school month to each recipient (a total of \$1000. per year per student). Currently that amounts to a SOA commitment of \$2100. per month, so you can readily see why there is still the highest priority requirement to build the scholarship fund. Again, the SOA would 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 41 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.

5. 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 85 new members and disapproved 15 applications between the period 1 October 1994 and 18 October 1995. 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 1245 as of 18 October 1995. Since the October 1994 SOAR seven (7) members have passed away:

John Brunkhardt  
Marshall Harrison  
Gary Martin  
Martha "Colonel Maggie" Raye

Joe Cincotti  
Robert King  
Richard Meadows

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 XIX Report:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham, Chairman of the annual SOA Reunion Committee reported to the membership that SOAR XIX was the largest 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. Special Operations Memorial

Research Committee Report: Larry Trimble

Mr. Trimble reported to the membership on the progress his committee had accomplished since SOAR XVIII. Each member in attendance received a briefing packet in which they were able to follow the briefing as it related to the extensive detail the committee had put into this worthy project. Following the briefing, Mr. Trimble offered a "motion" that the SOA build a memorial to represent and honor all past, present and future military and civilian Special Operations personnel of all services. During the discussion phase a great number of questions were asked and recommendations made as to the final wording of the overall motion. In the final analysis, a consensus was reached on the wording of the motion. A motion was made and seconded that the SOA undertake the task of building a memorial. Motion approved.

**NOTE:** The membership is advised that this is not an overnight project. This venture may take anywhere from five (5) to eight (8) years and an enormous amount of money must be raised/obtained in order for this worthwhile project to be successful.

B. New Business:

1. SOAR XX Report:

Jack Abraham

Mr. Abraham reported to the membership the following for their planning as it related to SOAR XX:

- (a) Dates: 25-29 September 1996.
- (b) Place: Plaza Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas.
- (c) Cost: \$35.20 (including tax) per nite.

**NOTE:** FYI, this is the same amount that the membership is currently paying for SOAR XIX.

Additionally, Mr. Abraham stated that to preclude any problems of not being able to secure favorable reunion dates in 1997 and 1998 he negotiated the following dates and costs for SOAR XXI and SOAR XXII at the Plaza Hotel & Casino:

- (a) SOAR XXI: 1-5 October 1997.  
Cost: \$34.00 + Tax per nite.

(b) SOAR XXII: 30 September - 4 October 1998.  
Cost: \$36.00 + Tax per nite.

2. Motion from the Floor:

Mr. Gordon Liddy, 435-L made the following motion to the membership:

"Be it resolved that the Special Operations Association go on record as deploring the use of U.S. military Special Operations personnel training U.S. Civil Law Enforcement personnel in Special Operations techniques to be used against U.S. citizens". Motion seconded by Lew Millett, 505-L. Motion approved.

3. Award of SOAR XIX Door Prizes  
and conduct of General Raffle: Clyde Sincere

(a) Mr. Sincere conducted the awarding of the door prizes first and subsequently awarded the majority of raffle items. A few raffle items plus the three (3) U.S. Savings Bond were awarded at the banquet.

**NOTE:** Contained in these minutes is a listing of the donors of raffle and door prize items awarded at SOAR XIX. Mr. Sincere on behalf of the SOA and the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship fund reiterated his appreciation for the donations provided by various members and their guests. The monies realized from the raffle items go a long way in sustaining the Scholarship fund. If you have a particular item that you wish to donate to SOAR XX, please contact Clyde Sincere to arrange for its delivery. Thank you.. By the way, Clyde has already received two (2) items that will be used as raffle prizes at SOAR XX.

(b) This year over 50 door and raffle prize donations were won by SOAR XIX attendees at the General Membership meeting and the Saturday evening banquet. This does not include the winners of the LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW held on Saturday afternoon following the membership meeting and on Saturday evening following the banquet. At it regards the LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW, (this was the second reunion that the SOA has run this event). In both instances, there was no problem whatsoever selling out all of the 100 chances for the evening banquet draw, but, again, at both reunions, there was a paucity of gamblers for the draw following the membership meeting. So....., at SOAR XX, the SOA will run only one (1) QUICK DRAW in the evening following the banquet. There will be only 100 chances. First come, first served....

The following is a list of super individuals who donated either raffle or door prizes (or both in some cases):

Bill & Scott Kilpatrick  
Donald C. Benjamin  
Dale Bennett  
Ron Workman  
Paul Brubaker  
Plaza Hotel & Casino  
Clyde Sincere  
John Plaster  
Michael Hass  
Ray Chambers  
Michael J. Davis  
Kevin Hoffman  
SOA  
Fred Norris

Maita Floyd  
Fred Platt  
Robert Diamond  
Paul M. Duffy  
Clay Scott  
Dale Libby  
Mary Ann Harrison  
Las Vegas Jerky  
Art Robinson  
Heinie Aderholt  
Carl Crantz  
Mrs. Al Mar  
Mark Kinsler

The following is a list of individuals who were lucky enough to win a door prize or raffle prize or - in some instances both. Not too shabby, heh....

Dan "Rock" Myers  
Bill Roderick  
Gene McCarthy  
Gary Peters  
Steve Wilson  
Ted Wicorek  
"Frenchy" Amundson  
Dale Bennett  
John Balanco  
Bill Garcia  
Bob Masterjoseph  
Gordon Liddy  
Cliff Newman  
Norm Doney  
George "Moe" Blakey  
Jim Fry  
John Plaster  
Nick Godano  
Ben Lyons  
John Padgett

Tanya Ginder  
Clyde Sincere  
Dennis Chericone  
Max Newman  
Art Mellon  
Bill Robinson  
Mike O'Connor  
Larry Trimble  
Dave Smith  
John Kendall  
Tom Henry  
Fred Platt  
Jim Harrison  
Sal Arrendondo  
George Fisher  
Ed Brown  
Jeff Trudgeon  
Bryan Loucke  
Don Rumph  
Robert Shoff

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

3d Prize - \$500 Bond - Roger Pezzelle - (Accepted \$250. cash).  
2d Prize - \$1000 Bond - John Fryer - (Accepted \$500. cash).  
1st Prize - \$2000 Bond - Ralf Miller - (Accepted \$1000. cash).

And, the Special Operations Memorial Fund Prizes:

1st Prize - Pistol - **Joseph F. Parnar**

2d Prize - Knife - **H.H. Landau**

3d Prize - \$100. - **Roger Hill**

Finally, the LAS VEGAS QUICK DRAW Winners:

First Draw - Saturday - Following the General Membership Meeting: Splitting \$1000.00 were **Bob Woodham** and **Tony Herrell**.

Second Draw- Saturday Evening - Following the Banquet: Splitting \$1000.00 were **Bob Woodham** and **Al Park**.

Yes, you saw right. Bob Woodham did it twice in one day.....

Congratulations to all of the winners. But, especially a "huge hand and thank you" for those super individuals that made it possible to win something, the **donators**.

VI. Adjournment:

There being no further items of new business, Mr. McClaskey adjourned the 1995 General Membership Meeting with the announcement that the next General Membership Meeting would take place on 28 September 1996 at SOAR XX.

Respectfully submitted,

*Clyde J. Sincere, Jr.*

CLYDE J. SINCERE, JR.  
Association Administrator

# **SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEMORIAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE MOTION**

The Chairman, Special Operations Memorial Research Committee, Mr. Larry Trimble, on behalf of his committee presented the following motion to the SOA membership on 04 November 1995 at the annual SOAR XIX General Membership Meeting.

## **MOTION**

THAT THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION HAVE A "MEMORIAL" BUILT TO REPRESENT AND HONOR ALL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN SPECIAL OPERATIONS PERSONNEL OF ALL SERVICES THAT HAVE CONDUCTED "SPECIAL OPERATIONS MISSIONS".

AND

THAT THE NEUTRAL LOCATION, UPON APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION BE IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.

AND

THAT IF POSSIBLE, THE NAMES OF ALL SPECIAL OPERATIONS KIA AND MIA BE PLACED AT THE MEMORIAL SITE.

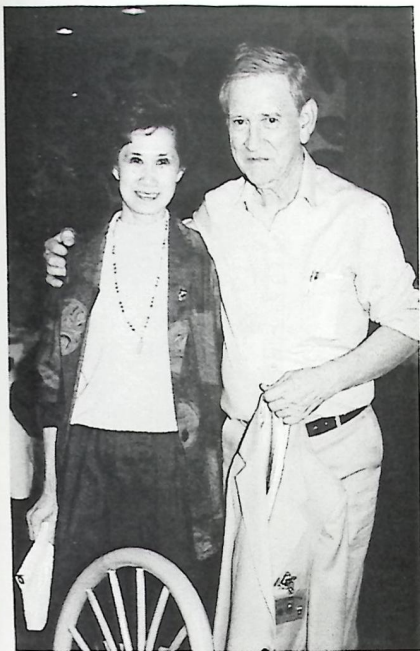
AND

THAT A COMMITTEE BE SELECTED TO STRUCTURE GROUND WORK FOR THE MEMORIAL.

AND

TO HAVE AND MAINTAIN A SEPARATE MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND FOR THE SPECIAL OPERATIONS MEMORIAL.

A motion was made and seconded that the SOA undertake the task of building a memorial. Motion approved.



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UL: SAN AND AL FRIEND.

UR: **MYSTERY #1**, HENRY GOLE AND **MYSTERY #2**.

LL: WALT BOYLING AND TOBY THOMAS.

LR: LEW MILLETT AND JON CAVAIANI.



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## SOA ODDS & ENDS

**IN MEMORY OF:** It is with regret that the SOA Board reports to the membership that three (3) more SOA members have passed away since SOAR XIX. **Robert Shoff, 1244-AL; Buck Swannack, 743-L and MOH Recipient, Fred Zabitosky, 157-L.** They will be sorely missed and our prayers go with their families.

**CUSTOM MADE FIGHTING KNIVES:** The Association wishes to extend its thanks to the **AL-MAR FAMILY; PAUL BRUBAKER, 596-L and Kevin L. Hoffman.** (Mrs. Ann Mar over the years has continued the practice initiated by her late husband and SOA member Al Mar in providing their **Al-Mar specialty knives** to the SOA to be raffled annually at reunions. The SOA will always remember AL. Ann, we thank you very much. Also, Paul Brubaker, as you may be aware, writes various articles on knives produced by a number of manufacturers of fighting knives, and in turn, Paul graciously donated these same knives to the SOA to raffle off in order that the SOA George C. Morton Memorial Scholarship would be financially enhanced - thank you Paul).

**SEEKING INFORMATION:** The SOA has received a number of requests for information on friends and loved ones. If any member has information on the following individuals, you are requested to correspond directly with the individual seeking info:

1 - **Lena Lingo:** Attempting to establish contact with anyone who served with her brother **CPT VINCENT FRANCIS SABATINELLI, 053461421, Infantry, CCN, 5th SFGp.(Abn), 1st SF.** Captain Sabatinelli reportedly was killed on 25 July 1969. Lena stated she is aware of the following individuals who knew her brother and she is seeking assistance:(she was aware of last names only as a result of letters from her brother) Colonel Isler, Major Shelton, CPT. Jones, CPT. Turk, Lt. Faucett, Lt. Burns and Lt. Korey. If anyone has knowledge of her brother, please contact her - she further states assistance from one of the above or anyone else having served with her brother would facilitate the family receiving his ID tags from the National Personnel Records Center. Ms. Lingo may be contacted at: 18 Benefit Street, Southbridge, MA. 01550.

2 - **Jack Kull, 538-A:** Seeking information concerning the whereabouts of Sergeant **David J. Mayberry**, assigned to **FOB#4, C&C, 5th SFGp.(Abn), 1st SF, Spring of '68.** Also, Jack is attempting to ascertain information relating to the loss of Sergeants **George "Ron" Brown, Alan Boyer and Charles Huston, (Spike Teams "ASP")** on 28 March 1968 near Tchepone, Laos. These men were all assigned to **FOB#4, C&C, 5th SFGp.(Abn), 1st SF.** Mission originated from NKP. Jack may be contacted at 3228



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UL: BILLY BUTERWORTH & **MYSTERY #3**.  
 UC: BOB LEITES & JACK ABRAHAM.  
 UR: **MYSTERY #4**.  
 LL: SUE EDSON AND GORDON LIDDY.  
 LR: JERRY GINDER AND BOB BURTON.

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Cambridge Court, Fairfax, Virginia 22030, (703) 352-2144.

**MEDICARE RATES INCREASE IN JANUARY:** Effective 1 January 1996, the Medicare Part "A" Deductible and co-insurance for hospitalization and skilled nursing facility care will increase:

The new rates are: Part "A" Deductible - \$736, (a \$20. increase).

per day increase). Day 61-90 (in-patient) - \$184, (a \$5.

per day increase). Day 91-150 (in-patient) - \$368, (a \$10.

per day increase). Skilled Nursing - Day 21-100 \$92, (a \$2.50

The Part "B" monthly premium decreased from \$46.10 in 1995 to \$42.50 in 1996. (MEDICARE Part "B"): Medicare Part "B" is a voluntary program open to anyone who is entitled to Medicare hospital insurance protection and to anyone else who is 65 years or older. To obtain coverage, you must enroll in a program and pay a monthly premium, currently, the monthly premium is \$42.50. Enrollment is automatic once you become entitled to Medicare hospital insurance, unless you specifically request to be excluded. If you fail to apply in the three (3) months preceding or following your 65th birthday or if you reject coverage, you may enroll later only during a general enrollment period in the first three (3) months of each year. You'll pay a slightly higher premium for delayed enrollment and coverage won't commence until the following July. However, you may delay coverage because you are covered by an employer plan. If you do, you will have seven (7) months after your employer's coverage ends to enroll and not pay the delayed enrollment premium. If you enroll in the first month you are eligible, your Part "B" coverage will be effective with the first day of the month after you enroll. The medical insurance premium will be withheld from your monthly social security checks. If you are not receiving social security benefits, you will be billed for the premium on a quarterly basis. Part "B" covers physician's services, including home or office visits, surgery, consultation and medical services and supplies. There are some other services included and should be looked into by the recipient of services. Remember, you are not authorized **CHAMPUS** effective with attaining the age of 65. (Take a look at the back of your current ID Card).

**800 NUMBERS YOU CAN USE:** The following 800 numbers are provided:

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE, CLEVELAND:(Retired Pay): 1-800-321-1080.

OFFICE OF SERVICEMAN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE:1-800-419-1473.

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION: 1-800-727-3337.

ARMED FORCES BENEFIT ASSOCIATION: 1-800-776-2322.

THE RETIRED OFFICERS ASSOCIATION: 1-800-247-2192.



UL: THERESA KING, JACQUELINE  
HOLMES & BILL "LUCKY-ASS" GOW  
CL: "SKINNY" MILLER & JACK ABRAHAM  
LL: DOC PADGETT BEING PLACED UNDER  
ARREST BY TOBY THOMAS.  
CR: STEVE & NGUYET SHERMAN AND  
SHIRLEY & BE BAKER.  
LR: MYSTERY #5 & MYSTERY #6.



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MILITARY BENEFIT ASSOCIATION: 1-800-336-0100.  
OFFICERS BENEFIT ASSOCIATION: 1-800-633-4632.  
UNIFORMED SERVICES BENEFIT ASSOCIATION: 1-800-821-7912.  
USAA: 1-800-531-8111.  
(Non-800: 1-210-498-2722).  
(FAX: 1-210-498-4431).  
ARMED FORCES INSURANCE: 1-800-255-6792.  
VA INSURANCE CENTER: 1-800-669-8477.  
ARMY AND AIR FORCE MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION: 1-800-336-4538.

**POW/MIA REPORT AT SOAR XIX:** Norm Doney's briefing at SOAR XIX included a reading from the Congressional House Sub-Committee Hearing entitled: "Accounting for U.S. POW/MIA's in SEA". The hearing was held on 28 June 1995 and chaired by Congressman Robert K. Dornan, (R-CA). The primary witnesses were from the Departments of State and Defense. It was admitted in sworn testimony by panel members that the Vietnamese have remains, documents and information on last known live U.S. POW's which they apparently are unwilling to turn over to U.S. officials. Any member interested in reading the complete text of the hearing is encouraged to request a printed text of Congressman Dornan's hearing from their respective representative in Congress.

**MYSTERY CONTEST: (To one and all).** Were you at all curious as to why some SOAR XIX attendees names were glaringly omitted within the SOAR XIX AAR photo section? Well, your Board has decided to list certain SOAR XIX attendees as **"MYSTERY"**. Some are well known and some are not so well known. Some are identified in other photos. Their number totals 25. Can you name names? The first person to correctly identify the most **"MYSTERY"** individuals will receive \$50.00 worth of raffle tickets towards the "EE" U.S. Savings Bonds raffle at SOAR XX. (Note: You do not have to be present to win!!!). The runner-up in the **"MYSTERY CONTEST"** will receive \$25.00 worth of raffle tickets. Submit your entries (AS MANY AS YOU WISH) to Clyde Sincere, 11722 Lariat Lane, Oakton, Virginia, 22124-2323. **GOOD LUCK!!!** The winners (and the membership) will be informed via the SOAR XX PRP. For your added information, all SOA Board members are prohibited from entering the **"MYSTERY CONTEST"**.

**SOA/AmeriVox PHONECARDS:** The SOA has a few remaining phonecards. If you are at all interested in obtaining one (1) of these remaining few "limited edition" SOA logo bearing pre-paid phonecards, contact your Association Administrator, Clyde Sincere, now. Only 100 were produced and only 100 will be sold.



**\$50!**



UL: PETER ROTHWELL, GORDON LIDDY,  
**MYSTERY # 7**, & ROBBIE ROBINSON.  
UR: THE SOAR XIX COLOR GUARD, USAF.  
C: "BAG-MAN" MILLER, CLAY SCOTT &  
CLYDE SINCERE, "THE TROIKA".  
LR: PAT BARRETT, MARTIN BENNETT &  
LAFAYETTE KEATON.



**Colonel "Maggie":** For your edification, shortly after her death your Board decided that SOAR XIX would be dedicated fondly to Colonel "Maggie". SOA members recall Martha Raye not only as a legend spanning three (3) wars but as a "warm, caring person" who untiring during her many visits to Vietnam gave her all to entertain "her boys" and in some instances assisted in the treatment of wounded special operations personnel. Recently, Noonie Fortin published a book entitled "Memories of Maggie". This book was the result of eight (8) years of research and efforts on her part and others to energize the public to request the President to present "Maggie" with the President's Medal of Freedom. We all know now that this did occur, although many believe it took too long for the White House to recognize the efforts of "Maggie". If any member is interested in obtaining a copy of "Memories of Maggie", 360 pages and 57 pictures, contact LANGMARC PUBLISHING, P.O. Box 33817, San Antonio, Texas 78265-3817 or call 1-800 864-1648. Cost: \$15.95.

**BOSNIA ANYONE???** The Vinnell Corporation, a subsidiary of BDM International is currently bidding on a military training contract to train the Bosnian Muslims. If Vinnell (BDM) were to be awarded the contract, Vinnell would be hiring selected individuals to staff the work force. If interested, contact Clyde Sincere at 1-(800) 444-7264 ASAP. A military-oriented chronological resume, DA Form 2-1/ORB, DD-214 and copies of military training certificates/diplomas will be required. Interested individuals are advised that deployment could take place within 30 days and they must possess a valid US passport with a minimum of 18 months remaining.

In closing, let us remember a very short prayer written many, many years ago that remains a truism today:

O God, give us Serenity to  
accept what cannot be changed,  
Courage to change what should  
be changed, and Wisdom to distin-  
guish the one from the other.

Reinhold Niebuhr  
(1892-1971)

SOAR XIX WAS A "SUPER" SUCCESS. LARGEST EVER. LET'S MAKE SOAR XX EVEN BIGGER AND BETTER. SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER.....

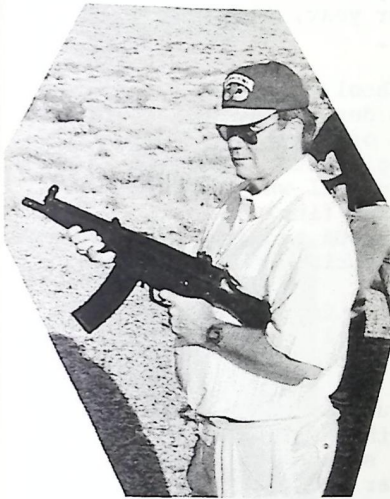


UL: DALE BENNETT, JERRY GINDER,  
JOHN THOMAS & AL NEWMAN.

CL: MYSTERY # 8.

CR: MARY JANE SCOTT, DON ELLIS &  
CLAYTON SCOTT.

LL: ABRAHAM, SCOTT, MILLER & McCLASKEY



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## **SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION**

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

### **THE SOA GEORGE C. MORTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT PROGRAM**

#### **Facts relating to the Special Operations Association George C. Morton 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 \$500.00 nor more than \$1,000.00 per year, (maximum of four (4) years and paid at \$100.00 per/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:** The 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.

**AWARD:** 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:**

**JAMES HAWKE**  
Chairman, SOA Scholarship Committee  
7801 Southmoor Circle  
Reno, Nevada 89502  
(702) 857-3477



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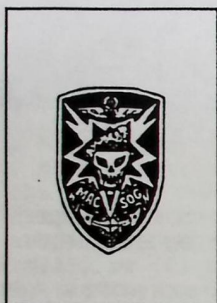
UL: SHIRLEY BAKER, FRENCHIE AND SHERRI LAURENCE.  
 UR: BOB BURTON, **MYSTERY # 9**, AND RAY WHITTINGTON.  
 LL: **MYSTERY # 10**.  
 LR: BILL O'ROURKE, JACK ABRAHAM, ROCK MYERS & JOHN McCLASKEY.



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# WANTED:

## SOG Unit Insignia & Related Items



Collector of elite unit insignia for  
25 years seriously seeking original  
patches and items made for SOG  
units during the Vietnam War.

★ ★ **FAIR PRICES PAID** ★ ★

### Items Wanted

### Paying Up To:

RT Team Leader 1-0 Jacket with Insignia .....	\$800.00
Fatigues with Insignia (SCU patch, wings, S.F. patch) .....	\$200.00
Patches (CCN, CCC, FOB 2, NAD, Recon Teams) .....	\$250.00
SOG Badges (beer can insignia, plaque pieces) .....	\$ 75.00
Banners/Flags .....	\$100.00
SOG Knife .....	\$600.00
Tiger Stripe Shirts & Pants .....	\$ 50.00
Scarves with Insignia .....	\$150.00

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of SOG who responded to my ad last year. I was fortunate in obtaining many interesting items for my collection. Please let me know if you have anything extra. All inquiries will be answered immediately.

### Please Contact:

**DAN POPA**

Communication Paper

P.O. Box 353, Far Hills, NJ 07931

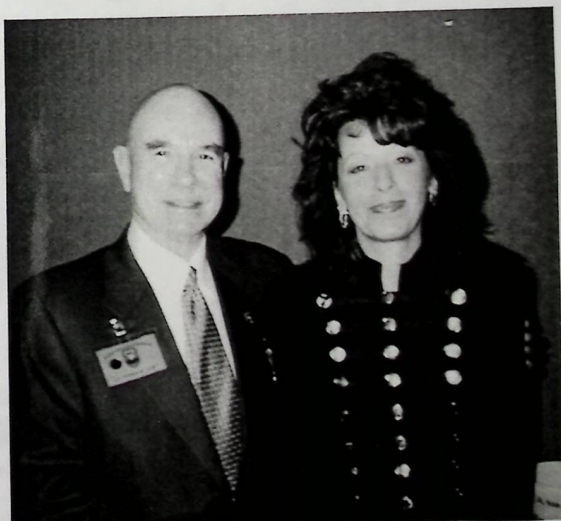
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UL: **MYSTERY # 11.**  
 UR: ROSS BAILEY, CLUDE FORE, BOB SHOFF (DECEASED)  
 AND BEN BAKER.  
 LL: SUE EDSON AND BRYAN STOCKDALE.  
 LR: **MYSTERY #12** AND LINDA HARTMAN.



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# COLLECTIBLES

replica SF/SOG - ARVN patches

For Sale:

MACV-SOG color-variant shield

@\$9.00ea/ppd

MACV-SOG subdued shield

@\$7.50ea/ppd

FOB #4 color shield

@\$11.00ea/ppd

ARVN Long Thanh Tring Ctr

@\$8.50ea/ppd

ARVN Abn Bde

@\$6.50ea/ppd

ARVN Strategic Tech Dir

@\$8.50ea/ppd

USSF SSI subdued on black

@\$10.00ea/ppd

USSF Gabriel Det SWCS color

@\$9.00ea/ppd

"Non-Ranger" novelty scroll

@\$12.00ea/ppd

Flag/Heart:

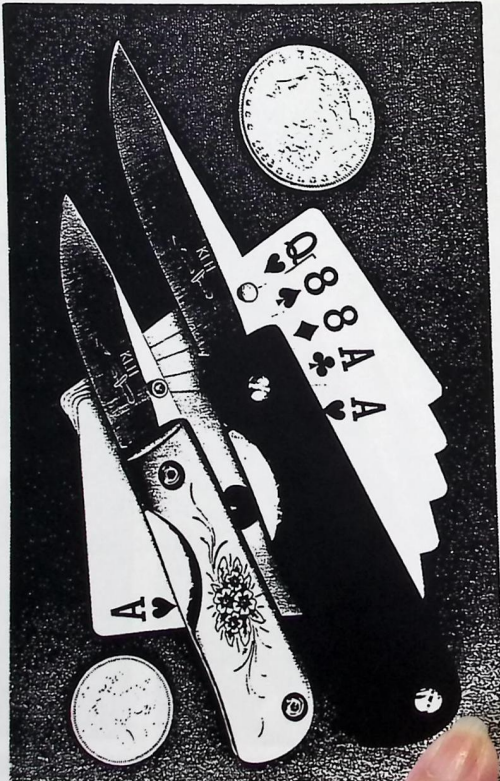
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@\$15.50ea/ppd

Send payment to:

Paul Brubaker

Box 30, Circleville, WV26804



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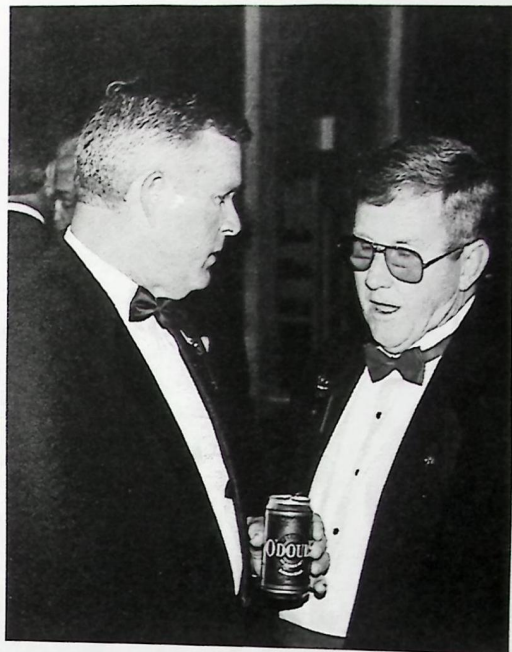
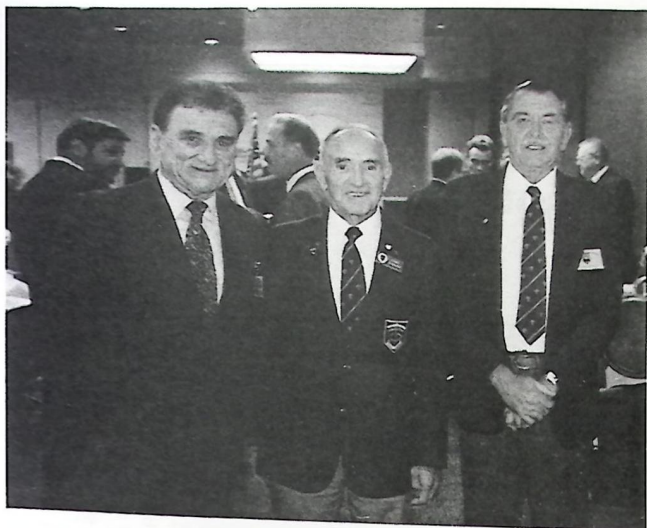
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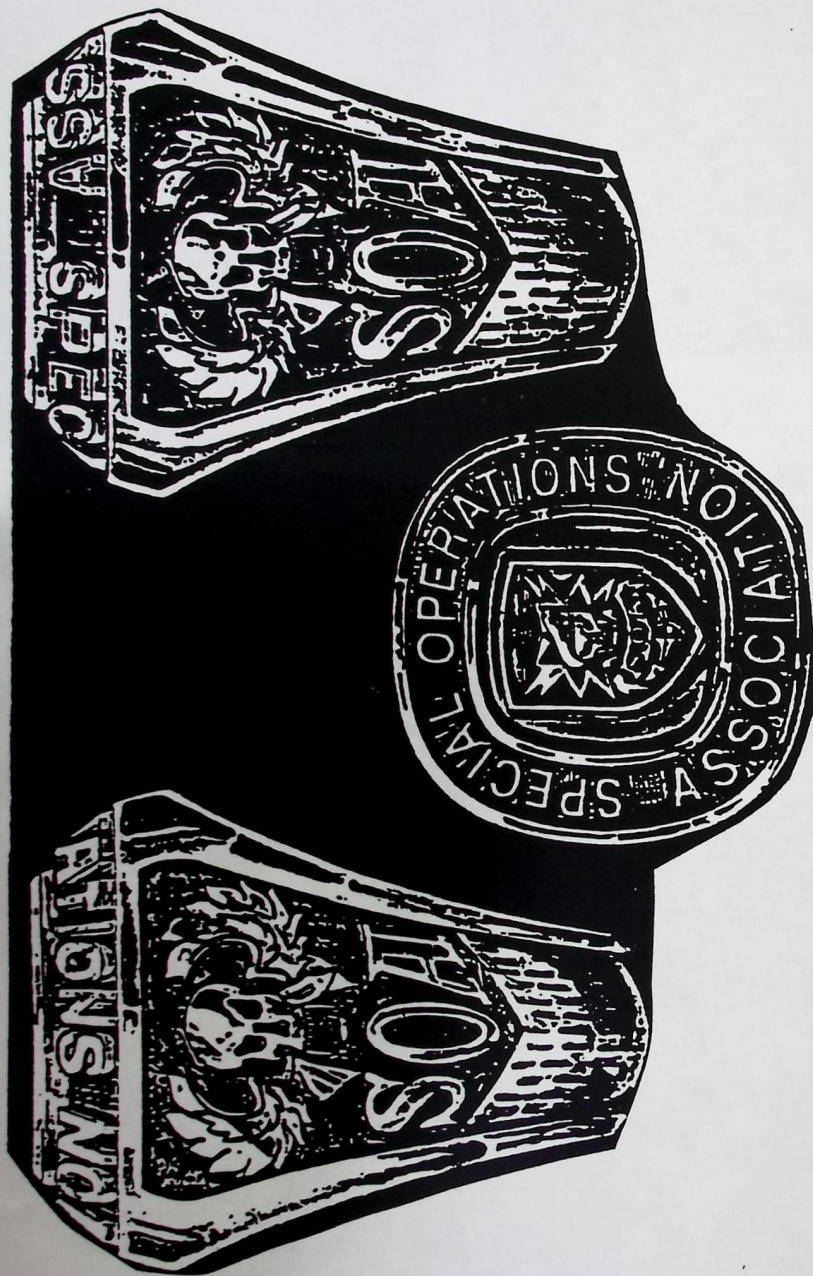
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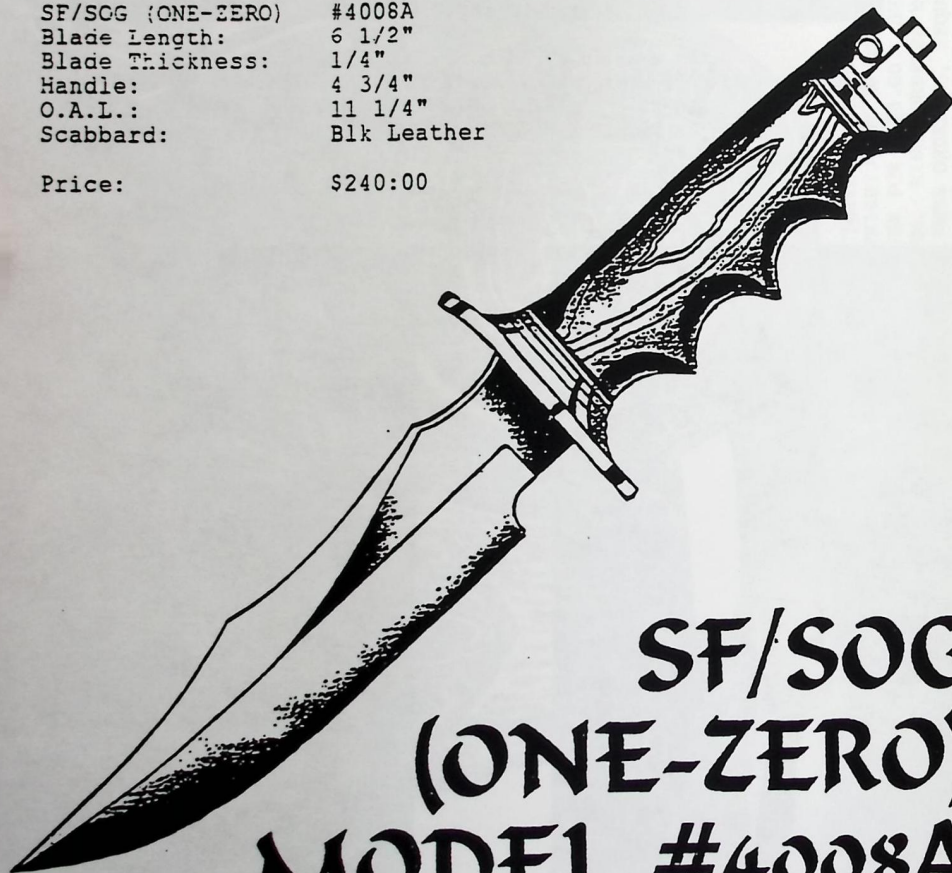
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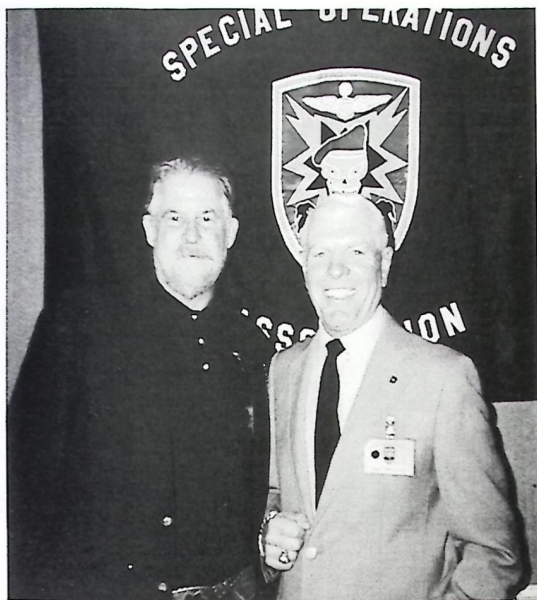
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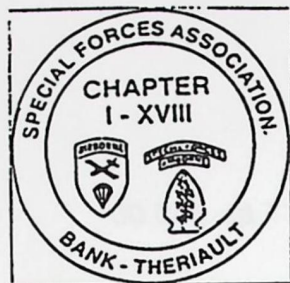
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## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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|---------|--------|-----------|---|
| 15 JUNE | (Sat): | 0800-2400 | Arrival, Hotel, and Convention Registration                             |
|         |        | 1400-2400 | Hospitality Room Host Chapter 1-18                                      |
| 16 JUNE | (Sun): | 0900-1800 | Arrival, Hotel and Convention Registration                              |
|         |        | 0900- ?   | National Board and Chapter Presidents Meeting in HOJO Meeting Room      |
|         |        | 0800-1200 | Hospitality Room Host Chapter 1-18                                      |
|         |        | 1400-1600 | Tour of National Headquarters   |
|         |        | 2000-2400 | Reception / Band / dress casual   |
| 17 JUNE | (Mon): | 0900-1500 | Arrival, Hotel and Convention Registration                              |
|         |        | 0900-1100 | Retirees Update Briefing / New ID Cards                                 |
|         |        | 1300-1700 | Picnic at Paradise Acres  |
|         |        | 1600-1700 | Auction at Paradise Acres   |
|         |        | 1800-2400 | Hospitality Room Host Chapter 1-18                                      |
| 18 JUNE | (Tue): | 0700-0730 | Depart for Golf Course  |
|         |        | 0800-1400 | Golf Tournament   |
|         |        | 0900-1130 | Planned Events, Tours, Shopping, Gaming. etc.                           |
|         |        | 1200-1700 | Tour of Fort Bragg? Chapter 62  |
|         |        | 1800-2400 | Hospitality Room  |
| 19 JUNE | (Wed): | 0900-1700 | Women's Day. What? TBA  |
|         |        | 1300-1500 | General Membership Meeting in HOJO Grand Ballroom                       |
|         |        | 1500-1700 | Hospitality Room  |
|         |        | 1900-0100 | Banquet at Charlie Rose Agri-Expo Center                                |
|         |        | 1900-2000 | Cocktails   |
|         |        | 2000-2100 | Dinner  |
|         |        | 2100-0100 | Dancing, Drinking, and General Revelry to celebrate 96 Convention Theme |
| 20 JUNE | (Thu): | DAWN-?    | Hospitality Room & Checkout   |