



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION PRE-REUNION PACKET (PRP)



60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACTIVATION OF MACV-SOG

SOAR XLVIII

14-17 OCTOBER 2024

**THE ORLEANS HOTEL AND CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

SOA FACT SHEET

The Special Operations Association is incorporated in the State of Texas and approved by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under the Internal Revenue Code 501 (c) (19), Veteran’s fraternal organization as exempt from federal income tax (EIN 74-2619854)

Membership in the SOA is open to veterans or members of a branch of the US Armed Forces Special Operations Community who have conducted Special Operations as a member of a combat element or provided direct support to the operational combat element within an assigned area of operations. Our members include combat veterans from all wars including WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, the Balkans, Somalia, Iraq, Afghanistan, as well as those from our most recent conflicts in the global war on terrorism.

The purposes of this Corporation herein after referred to as the “Association,” are:

1. To perpetuate the esprit de corps of the Special Operations community; and
2. To unite fraternally veterans of all branches of the United States Armed Forces who, since the beginning of World War II, have conducted or supported “Special Operations;” and
3. To commemorate fittingly the memory of all those who have given their lives in defense of the Free World and to those who served in Special Operations units and are still unaccounted for as POW/MIA;
4. To promote patriotism throughout the communities of the country; and
5. To educate its members and the citizens of the United States in the proper development of Special Operations, and to keep abreast of new developments in the field of Special Operations as is consistent with security regulations; and
6. To encourage every member of the Association toward a closer personal relationship and a friendly spirit of mutual cooperation; and
7. To foster and promote the general welfare and prosperity of the Members, and to improve by all lawful means their status and condition; and
8. To be a source of inspiration for all Special Operations Units now and in the future.



The SOA communicates with the membership via the website, Pre-Reunion Packet (PRP), After-Action Report, (AAR), newsletters and email blasts.

The SOA reunion will be held 14-17 October 2024 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas.

The General Membership Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 October 2024.

All members are encouraged to attend.

BRIGHTLIGHT

The mission of Brightlight (BL) is to provide financial assistance to OUR SOA members who would otherwise not be able to attend the reunion.

Attending the reunion allows us to reconnect with old friends, share stories and celebrate the camaraderie that bonds us together beyond our years of service.



We know that you understand the importance of attending SOAR and the value it brings to you and our membership!

Don't hesitate to reach out if you want to talk to me about how Brightlight can assist you and your family. We are here to support you every step of the way.

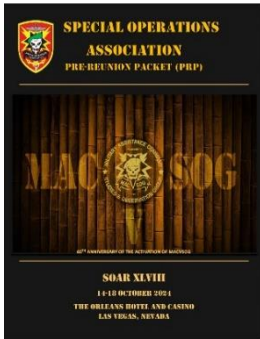
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"Accept the challenges, so that you feel the exhilaration of victory." - General George S. Patton

ATTENTION!



SOA publications are delivered digitally via email, the SOA website and social media; they are no longer mailed USPS.

Be sure to keep your contact information updated. (see page 55)

(A limited, condensed version is mailed to SOA members who do not have access to the internet. If you receive a paper copy and need assistance, contact Ray Frovarp, rmfrovarp@gmail.com)

SOAR XLVIII IMPORTANT DEADLINES!

- 23 SEPT** Orleans hotel room reservations
- 30 SEPT** 2024 Entertainment Event AWAKENING at the WYNN
- 30 SEPT** SOA Board Elections ballots must be received by Tally Committee

SOA QUARTERMASTER STORE HOURS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY - 0900 – 1700
THURSDAY – closed for inventory



SOA MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING ARE ELIBIGLE TO REGISTER

If you have questions on status, email
Joe Wilson, Membership Chairman, membership@specialoperations.org



A message from the NATIONAL CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Veterans or spouses no longer need to wait until the time of death to find out if they are eligible for burial in a national cemetery or for memorial benefits such as a headstone, flat marker, or bronze medallion for use in private cemeteries.

If you have questions about future burial needs for yourself or a living dependent of a Veteran, or need assistance applying, please call 800-535-1117 or visit the NCA website www.cem.va.gov
The scheduling Office is open Monday through Friday 8:00am to 7:30pm EST and Saturday 9:00am to 5:30pm EST. TTY is available at 711.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DOUG GODSHALL SOA PRESIDENT

Welcome to SOAR XVIII, hosted by The Orleans Hotel and your Special Operations Board and Special Staff!

This year, we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of MACV-SOG with an unbelievably interesting and informative program.

The Special Operations Association Reunion opens at 0900 on Monday October 14, 2024.

Please take a look at the expanded Pre-Reunion Packet in full. Sending the PRP electronically allows us to increase content over our old, printed version significantly.

Start with the Master Events List. Take your time perusing the events to be presented at SOAR and general news about the SOA, its friends, and families, throughout the past year.

A few notes of interest. Our banquet speaker is SOG One Zero and Special Forces legend, Major General (R) Ken Bowra. Ken provided invaluable assistance to the 5th Group (he is a former Commander), in the planning and execution of the MACV-SOG Memorial at the Hall of Heroes at 5th Group HQ. At SOAR, Ken will be accompanied by his indig teammate, Xuan Vu, who has traveled from Vietnam to be with us. Ken and Xuan served on RT Idaho.

The programs are incredible. Assuming you can get past the Alligator Bar and get registered, we start on Tuesday with a prayer breakfast hosted by Chaplain Dale Hanson. Prayers upwards for our lost mates and those Special Operators still serving.

A long-planned tribute to Operation Tailwind which launched into Cambodia in 1970 begins at 1000 on Tuesday. One of the best known MACV-SOG missions, it resulted in the presentation of the Medal of Honor to medic Gary Rose. We hope that Gary and other Tailwind veterans will be at SOAR. Special thanks to Jim Moriarty, Gold Star Father, for his leadership.

Tuesday afternoon begins with Dan Thompson hosting at least ten Special Operations authors for the Authors Reading and Book Raffle. The event has increased in popularity every year.

Tuesday night always ends with our annual Las Vegas show, hosted by the hardest working master of ceremonies in Las Vegas, John Russell. This year's event is "Awakening" at the Wynn Casino and Resort. Sign up quickly. This event sells out.

Wednesday starts at 1000 with our annual POW MIA Symposium, led by Chair David Gordon and DPAA reps. We hope to have our POW MIA Organizations present as well, as we learn about our government's continuing efforts to rescue the remains of our heroes.

The SOA Foundation's Auxiliary meets at 1300 followed by the General Membership Meeting.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Immediately following the GMM will be "Return to Vietnam," presented by 23AUG68 hero Larry Trimble, who re-visited Vietnam with ardent SOA supporter Rob Graham and longtime friend and SOA vendor Bruce Christensen, whose father served at CCN. You have been seeing bits of pieces on our Facebook page, This will be a well-attended event.

Later Wednesday, enjoy a liquor tasting hosted Horace Boner. And, to end the day, join Doc and Vicki Padgett as they raise money for the Foundation at the bowling alley. Always fun!

Thursday begins with the annual CCS Memorial Breakfast. Toasting the special operators, air and ground, lost while serving at CCS, is an annual, somber event.

We have the honor, again, to present Admiral (R) Ann Duff of the VA, and Doc Padgett at 1000 for the Health and Welfare event. Agent Orange will be a topic.

At 1100, SOA member, Brian Cohen will host the Aviation Symposium. This will be a great event.

Plan a nap Thursday afternoon to rest for the Banquet at 1530. We honor our POW and MIAs as the past and current Special Operators join at the Table. MG (R) Bowra honors us with his remarks.

And the feast will be as special as usual. The Orleans always gives us special treatment.

Don't forget the WORLD-FAMOUS SOAR HOSPITALITY ROOM, open Daily from 0900-2400.

Special thanks to those who have labored all year to present SOAR. Team Frovarp, Ray and Rhonda, Bonnie Cooper, RT Rivero and QM Bob Daniels, among others , have been instrumental in getting SOAR 2024 up and running.

All under the direction of our SOAR Chair, Phil, Devon. Thank you all, and the Board and Special Staff for outstanding contributions to SOAR 2024.

Friends and Families are very important to the success of SOAR. Please invite and bring them!

See you in Las Vegas in October.

Doug Godshall, President
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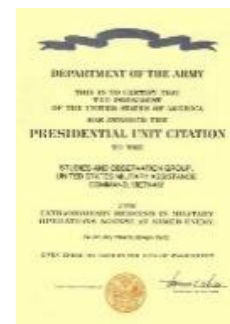
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REUNION INFORMATION

SOAR XLVIII 14 - 17 October 2024

ELIGIBILITY: SOA members in good standing and their guests.
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Joe Wilson, Membership Chairman:
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membership@specialoperations.org

WHERE: The Orleans Hotel and Casino
Las Vegas, Nevada

Register by Phone: **800 675-3267** or online: **ORLEANSCASINO.COM**
SOAR Group Code: **SOAJ24C**

Sunday through Thursday daily – \$49 +19.99 resort fee + tax per day
Friday and Saturday — \$99 + \$19.99 resort fee + tax per day

SOAR room rates are guaranteed through **23 Sept. 2024**

GUESTS: Guests of members are always welcome; however, sponsors are expected to be in attendance when their guests arrive at SOAR XLVIII.

NAME BADGES - For security, name badges will be provided and must be displayed at all times during the reunion.
Temporary badges will be available for attendees arriving after the registration desk closes.

BANQUET SEATING: Be sure to reserve your banquet seat after you check in.

SOAR XLVIII updates will be posted in the monthly newsletter, social media and the SOA website:

SPECIALOPERATIONS.ORG

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

SOAR XLVIII 14 – 17 October 2024

REGISTRATION - Registration for the reunion and Special Events must be completed online. Members preferring to pay cash/check may do so on arrival at SOAR.

REUNION FEES – Choose FULL or DAILY

FULL - \$260 per person - Includes all days, Luncheon and Banquet

DAILY - \$100 per day per person, includes:

Monday – Hospitality

Tuesday – Hospitality

Wednesday – Hospitality + Luncheon

Thursday – Hospitality + Banquet

VENDOR TABLE - \$150 EACH

(must be pre-approved, contact SOAR Registrar)

INDIVIDUAL EVENT FEES: Fees for individual events are not included in the reunion fee and must be completed on a separate registration form.

\$120 per person Entertainment Event, AWAKENING at the Wynn

\$ 45 per person SOA Prayer Breakfast

\$ 45 per person CCS Southern Brotherhood Breakfast

[CLICK HERE TO GO TO THE REGISTRATIONS PAGE](#)

REFUNDS - Requests for refunds must be submitted to the Registrar.

If you have questions or need assistance, contact

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MASTER EVENTS LIST (MEL)

AS OF 1 June 2024 (Subject to Change)

Thursday, 10 October: TBD: Movement of QM items to Orleans storage room

Friday, 11 October: TBD: Movement of SOA Items from Vegas storage to Orleans Hotel

Saturday, 12 October: TBD: Onsite Material Organization and Equipment Testing at the Orleans Hotel

Sunday, 13 October:

0800-1200: SOA/SOAF Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room) President Godshall

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD) Dennis Cummings

0800-1200: Vendor Setup (Vendor Area, Mardi Gras Ballroom)

Monday, 14 October:

0800-1200: SOA/SOAF Board and Special Staff Meeting (Board Room) President Godshall

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD) Dennis Cummings

0900-1700: Quartermaster Store Bob Daniels

0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area) Ivan Davis

0900-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom) open bar

Tuesday, 15 October:

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD) Dennis Cummings

0800-0930: Prayer Breakfast (Suite TBD) Chaplain Dale Hanson

0900-1700: Quartermaster Store Bob Daniels

0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area) Ivan Davis

0900-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

1000-1200: Operation Tailwind Jim Moriarty

1300-1500: Authors' Reading Event (Free), Esplanade Room Dan Thompson

1730-2130: Entertainment Event John Russell

Wednesday, 16 October:

0800-2100: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD) Dennis Cummings

0900-1700: Quartermaster Store Bob Daniels

0900-1700: Registration Activities (Registration Area) Ivan Davis

0900-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar

1000-1200: POWMIA David Gordon

1200-1300: Lunch (Mardi Gras Ballroom)

1300-1500: SOAFAC Vicki Chan-Padgett

1330-1500: SOA General Membership Meeting (Esplanade Room) President Godshall

1500-1630: Return to Vietnam (immediately following the GMM) Larry Trimble

1630-1730: Liquor Tasting Horace Boner

1930: SOAF Bowling Tournament John "Doc" Padgett

MASTER EVENTS LIST (MEL)

AS OF 1 June 2024 (Subject to Change)

Thursday, 17 October:

0800-0930: CCS Breakfast	Don Haase
0800-1200: SOA Video History Project (Suite TBD)	Dennis Cummings
0900-1200: SOA Quartermaster Store (closed for inventory)	Bob Daniels
0900-1200: Registration Activities (Registration Area)	Ivan Davis
0900-1200: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar	
1000-1100: SOA Health and Welfare Symposium, Esplanade Room	Doc Padgett, Ann Duff
1100-1200: Aviation Symposium, Esplanade Room	Brian Cohen
NLT 1200: All Vendors must be out of Mardi Gras Ballroom	
1300-1400: Rehearsals (Mardi Gras Ballroom)	President Godshall
1530-1720: Cocktails (Esplanade Room)	
1730-2030: SOAR Banquet	
2030-2400: Hospitality Room (Mardi Gras Ballroom), open bar	

Friday, 18 October:

0800-1200: Movement of SOA property to Storage Facility	Volunteers
1200: Hotel Check-out	

VENDOR AREA HOURS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 0900 – 1700; THURSDAY 0900 – 1200

The following vendors have been invited to participate in SOAR XLVIII, each will offer a variety of products and services. Everyone is encouraged to visit their tables.

Covington Combat Weapons	Savage Design Games
CR3 Concepts	Smith & Wesson
Excalibur Industries	SOA Authors table
Green Beret Foundation	SOA Foundation & Auxiliary
Hang Tough Ornaments	SOA Quartermaster
Heritage Collectibles	SOA Riders
Jason Hardy	SOA Table Raffle
Las Vegas Veterans Center	SOA Video History & Archives
Memorial 3 Gun Foundation	SOG Sales
National Cemetery Association	Special Operations Group
POP Smoke Coffee	Special Ops Technologies
RADIX	USSOCOM Care Coalition
Save the Montagnard People (STMP)	Veterans Mortgage of America

2024 XLVIII KEYNOTE SPEAKER



MG (R) KENNETH R. BOWRA

The SOA Board of Directors is pleased to announce the 2024 Keynote speaker is SOA member MG (R) Kenneth R. Bowra, 1058-G.

He retired as a Major General in October 2003 after over thirty-three years of service in the United States Army. He is a graduate of The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

He has commanded Special Forces units at all levels including serving as a Special Forces reconnaissance team leader “One Zero” in MACV-SOG during Vietnam service and as an advisor to Cambodian infantry and airborne units with the UITG/FANK Training Program.

He commanded ODA-572, a HALO Special Atomic Demolitions Munitions (SADM) team in the 5th Special Forces Group. He was later assigned to the American Embassy, Phnom Penh, Cambodia during the period 1974 through Operation Eagle Pull, the evacuation of the American Embassy in April 1975. Following the Infantry Officers Advanced Course, he commanded a Company in the 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colorado, where he met his future wife, Missy.

He was later selected and served in the Central Intelligence Agency until returning to active duty to be assigned to the 2nd Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry. Other special operations assignments include Commander, Company B, 2nd Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne); Commander, 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), and served in the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC) from 1983-1988. He participated in the initial assault into Grenada (Operation Urgent Fury) and other sensitive operations, to include operations in Somalia, while commanding the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne).



General officer assignments include Commanding General, Special Operations Command South, U.S. Southern Command; Deputy Commanding General, United States Army Special Operations Command; Commanding General, United States Army Special Forces Command; Commanding General, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Deputy Commander, KFOR, NATO’s Kosovo Force (KFOR), where he served with 39 coalition partners, and conducted combat operations with Russian Tactical Groups and other nations, and oversaw Kosovo’s first ever municipal elections. He then served as Assistant Chief of Staff/ Operations Director, Allied Forces Northern Europe, where he led the establishment of NATO’s first out of Europe mission to Afghanistan.

2024 XLVIII KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Following his retirement, he served with the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory's National Security element, and as a senior mentor at the U.S Joint Forces Command, where he was part of an advanced combat in urban operations team, participation in numerous experiments and activities with the Services and foreign nations, to include the Israeli Defense Forces in Israel. He additionally served as a member of the National Academies National Research Council Standing Committee on Research, Development, and Acquisition Options for U.S. Special Operations Command, Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences.

He was appointed as a Senior Foreign Service Officer in the Department of State by the Deputy Secretary of State in February 2009 and was assigned until 15 October 2013 to the U.S. Embassy, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where he served as the first Program Director of a Department of State Interagency Counter Terrorist Program.

He was inducted into the Special Forces Hall of Fame as a Distinguished Member of the Regiment and was awarded the Order of Saint Maurice by the National Infantry Association and the Chief of Infantry. He was awarded the Rylander Award by NDIA SOLIC Division, in 2007, and served as Chairman of the NDIA SOLIC Division.

As an Eagle Scout and Scout leader, he has been actively supporting Scouting in his assignments and was awarded the Distinguished Scouter Award and Order of the Silver Beaver.

He serves as the president of the Virginia War Museum Foundation in Newport News, Virginia, and is a trustee on the Special Operations Association Foundation.

He and his wife, Missy, live in Smithfield, Virginia.



Ken and Bong



RT IDAHO at CCN (TF1AE)
Standing 4th and 5th from left, Ken and Xuan

VIDEO HISTORY PROGRAM



The goal of the Video History Project is to preserve the history of SOA members who have conducted Special Operations missions around the world through recorded interviews with past and present-day special operations combat veterans creating a factual accounting of what Special Operations warriors have accomplished, what they have endured and what they have sacrificed for each other and for our Country.

DURING SOAR XLVIII, INTERVIEWS WILL BE SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, 0800 – 2100
THURSDAY, 0800 – 1200

To schedule an interview during SOAR XLVIII, contact Dennis Cummings 314-303-9156.

The VHP was initially limited to interviews during the annual Special Operations Association reunion in October. However, it has been expanded allowing the interviews to be conducted outside the normal reunion dates. If you are interested in scheduling an interview at any time, please call me.

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The VHP appreciates monetary and memorabilia donations.

Donated items are cataloged and displayed in the vendor area during the reunion.

Please consider donating.

SOA PRAYER BREAKFAST



Dale Hanson, SOA Chaplain

The inaugural SOA Prayer Breakfast was a meaningful and impactful event. SOA members and guests shared prayers for the SOA membership, fallen comrades, and our Nation.

All members and guests are invited to join Dale Hanson, SOA Chaplain for the second year of the SOA Prayer Breakfast:

TUESDAY, 15 October 2024

0800 – 0930

\$45 per person

Following the meal, veteran groups such as Mai Loc, Khe Sanh, CCN, etc., are encouraged to gather for further fellowship, camaraderie, and a photo opportunity.

Dale Hanson, SOA Chaplain

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OPERATION TAILWIND

Fifty-four years ago, in September 1970, one of the most successful SOG missions during the eight-year secret war—Operation Tailwind—was launched with 16 Green Berets from SOG base CCC in Kontum and 120 Indigenous troops from B Company Hatchet Force.

This will be the first presentation at SOAR on this historic mission, which was followed by disputed news reporting and legal settlements by CNN and Time/Warner 28 years later.

The Operation Tailwind presentation will kick off the calendar of SOAR events:

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024
1000-1200

We will have as many men who participated in Operation Tailwind at SOAR as possible, including the fearless aviators who flew cover and close-air support during the four-day mission from Sept. 11 through Sept. 14, 1970.

Before the reunion, the SOA will provide updates from the Tailwind presentation team, including footage of interviews conducted of mission veterans who undertook legal action against the news organizations. There will be links posted for SOA members to other documents, maps, and personal interviews with participants from that mission, including the late team leader, then-Capt. Gene McCarley.

Among the participants confirmed so far are Marine Corps Cobra pilots Joe Driscoll and Barry Pencek, author of *Operation Tailwind: Memoirs of a Secret Battle in a Secret War*, Marine Corps MH-53 pilot Don Persky, and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran/attorney/SOA Honorary Member, and Honorary Member of the Special Forces Regiment, Jim Moriarty, who represented several SOG team members and has compiled a massive collection of historic and legal documentation on the mission and the litigation.

Mike Rose was awarded his Medal of Honor for this mission and has been invited to join us.



JIM MORIARTY



JOE DRISCOLL



BARRY PENCEK

OPERATION TAILWIND



Tailwind Commander Capt. Eugene McCarley (left), shows strain -- and pride -- of 4 days intense fighting. (Courtesy Ted Wicorek)



Sgt. Mike Rose, (center) Operation Tailwind medic, treated 60 wounded men while he, himself was wounded three times. On 23 October 2017, President Donald Trump presented Mike the Medal of Honor, for his gallant actions during Operation Tailwind. (courtesy Ted Wicorek)

SOG's Company B "Hatchet Force" boards USMC helos at Dak To, South Vietnam, to raid deep into Laos. (Courtesy Eugene McCarley)

A ROSTER OF HEROES: The Green Berets of Operation Tailwind

Captain Eugene C. McCarley
 First Sergeant Morris Adair
 Sergeant Gary Michael Rose
 1st Lieutenant Pete Landon
 1st Lieutenant Robert Van Buskirk
 Sergeant First Class Bernard Bright
 Sergeant First Class Jim Brevelle
 Staff Sergeant Donald Boudreau

Sergeant Michael Hagen
 Specialist Five Jim Lucas
 Sergeant First Class Denver Minton
 Sergeant Manuel Orozco
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 Staff Sergeant William Scherer
 Specialist Five Craig Schmidt
 Sergeant Dave Young



Each of the three USMC HH-53's carried one SOG Raider platoon, shown boarding for the 60-mile flight into Laos. (Courtesy Eugene McCarley)



USAF 1st LT. Tom Stump, A-1 Pilot who was awarded Distinguished Flying Cross for his spectacular flying which allowed extraction of outnumbered SOG forces. (Courtesy Tom Stump)



USMC HH-53 lifts off to assault SOG force deep into Laos. Two HH-53s were shot down, but not a single Marine aviator or SOG Green Beret was killed. (Courtesy Eugene McCarley)



AUTHORS READING & RAFFLE EVENT



Dan Thompson

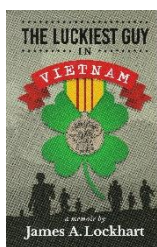
We are pleased to announce an impressive array of Special Operation Association authors who will present their books during SOAR XLVIII. Come, bear witness to these talented authors as they read from their books.

You are cordially invited to listen to the authentic voices of men who served in SOG and other Special Operations.

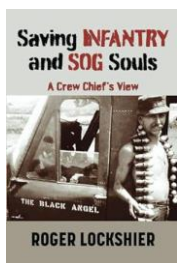
TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024
1300-1500

Each author will donate a book to be raffled off during the Reading. The raffle is FREE; but you must be present to win.

The following SOA Authors have already signed up!



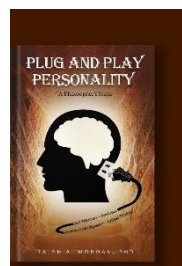
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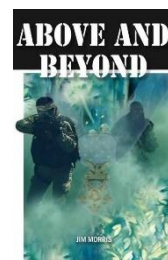
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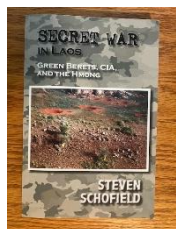
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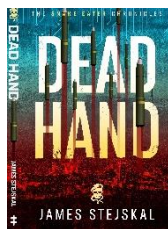
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STEVE SHERMAN



STEVEN SCHOFIELD



JAMES STEJSKAL



DICK THOMPSON



GREG WALKER

We celebrate our SOA Authors but once a year. As always, they go above and beyond.

Authors will be available in the vendor area **Monday through Wednesday** during SOAR XLVIII, stop by, purchase a book and get it autographed!

If you are an SOA member author and would like to present your book, contact me directly.

Dan Thompson
tmael@rcn.com

2024 ENTERTAINMENT



John & Judith Russell

The Entertainment Committee is pleased to announce the 2024 event will be **AWAKENING** hosted by the Wynn Hotel.

SOA Members and their guests will be awestruck by every gasp-inducing moment of this production, from soaring aerialists and bounding acrobats to the comedic moments that bring a lighthearted balance to Awakening's compelling tale. At the heart of this mythic adventure, a hero must confront the forces of Light and Darkness in a quest to save the world, and in doing so encounters a fascinating assortment of characters —

including oversized, fantastical creatures designed by award-winning puppet master Michael Curry, that captivate with their graceful, lifelike movements. The show's narration is provided by Anthony Hopkins. Visit their websites, AWAKENING.com or WynnLasVegas.com to preview the show.

Register early, seats are limited:

TUESDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2024

1700 – 2100

\$120 per person (including children)

THE DEADLINE IS 30 SEPTEMBER 2024 (no exceptions)

Be sure to indicate on your registration form if you need assistance, i.e., wheelchair, on arrival at the venue.



Travel will be provided by Sweet Tours Bus Company - PLEASE BE PROMPT:

I will take a photo of all the members for the AAR. After the photo shoot, you may board the bus **AFTER PRESENTING YOUR TICKET TO THE COMMITTEE CHAIR/CO-CHAIR.**

Bus Schedule:

1700 – Buses arrive at the main entrance of the Orleans

1745 – Buses depart the Orleans

1900 – Showtime AWAKENING at the Wynn

2100 – Buses arrive at the Orleans (estimated)

PLEASE BE PATIENT. We will wait until the general admission leaves the theatre for safety reasons and to accommodate our mobility challenged members.

If you have any questions, email, or call and leave a detailed message.

John Russell Chair, Entertainment Committee, (949) 698-4616, Johnr7940@gmail.com;

Judi Russell, Co-chair, (949) 510-8532; Judith.russellbsn@gmail.com

Janet McGovern, Co-Chair

JOIN YOUR BROTHERS AT SOAR XLVIII



POW/MIA SYMPOSIUM



First and foremost, I want to extend my appreciation for the support from POW/MIA Committee members, the SOA Staff, DPAA and DIA members and speakers, National League of Families and Mission: POW/MIA presenters for the overwhelming success of the POW/MIA Symposium during SOAR XLVII.



The 2024 symposium will be held on WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024, 1000-1200.

Unfortunately, there has been very little progress in recovering or identifying any unaccounted-for Vietnam War service members. There are, however, currently several cases on the ID List being worked. The only identified recovery this year is Air Force Major John Kerr who was shot down over Laos. While any recovery is positive news, we would obviously like to see more recoveries and especially those assigned to SOG missions

Besides the usual difficulties of locating, recovering and identifying remains, there have been significant hurdles hampering DPAA and DIA efforts. The two most significant issues affecting operations have been budget constraints and foreign diplomatic challenges.

Although DPAA received a \$46M increase in their budget, they were unable to access those funds due to the lengthy budget impasse. This meant that DPAA could not budget for planned field missions or hire additional analysts. Fortunately, the budget was finally approved so DPAA is now moving forward to secure the approvals and assets to put teams on the ground. Director Kelly and his staff have personally assured me and others that the bulk of the \$46M will be dedicated to the Vietnam War recoveries.

The other roadblock has been issues with the Lao Government not willing to provide full diplomatic protection to the JFA military and civilian members. This has resulted in cancellations of missions.

The following is an update sent out by Director Kelly. "Our military and civilian members permanently assigned to our detachment in Laos do not have diplomatic protection like other US Embassy employees. We have tried working earnestly with the Lao Government over the past 6 months, but resolution is still elusive. In December, we were forced to cancel the second Joint Field Activity (JFA) of the year (24-2LA), and two weeks ago, cancelled the 24-3LA mission; each JFA had four recovery teams (RT) and one investigating team (IT) planned." During the DPAA Family/VSO Quarterly Zoom call we were informed that a full JFA (with several RT's and IT's) will be in Vietnam by February or March. There are two more JFA's programmed for the remainder of FY24. There are ongoing partner and hybrid missions in Cambodia with four additional partner missions planned.

I am planning on a trip to DPAA-HI (Hawaii) in the late June/early July time frame. Col Brannen is leaving as Deputy Director Operations for reassignment to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, CA. My focus will be to meet with his replacement, Mr. John Figuerres and other staff for updates.

See you all at SOAR XLVIII.

David Gordon, POWMIA Chairman

TEAM GAMBLER - RETURN TO VIETNAM

January 2024, Larry Lee Trimble (codename Gambler) who was assigned to MACV-SOG ST Rattler and RT ASP, FOB4 / CCN returned to Vietnam after fifty-five years.

Accompanying Larry was Bruce Christensen, Rob Graham, Hayden Lockett and Marianne Ough. The team was fondly named *TEAM GAMBLER* in honor of Larry's codename.



l-r - Hayden Lockett, Rob Graham , Xuan Vu, Bruce Christensen, Marianne Ough, Larry Trimble

RETURN TO VIETNAM
WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024
1500-1630

Xuan Vu was assigned to RT Idaho at CCN in 1971 after operating with team Hong Son at CCS. Xuan resides in Da Nang Vietnam and joined us for this stage of the trip.

During this symposium you will be shown a slideshow introducing the team and the trip. Within the slideshow there are pictures taken during our travels to Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon), Da Nang's Marble Mountain, pictures of the site where FOB-4 / CCN was located, a trip to FOB-1 Phu Bai, the imperial City of Huế and slides of Monkey Mountain (Da Nang).

There will be a short video showing the team preparing the SOG time capsule, with challenge coins, patches, a Gilbert Secor bracelet (Gilbert was one of the sixteen SOG members killed on August 23, 1968), and a grenade fragment from August 23 68 taken out of Parker Auburn's leg. Many items were placed in the time capsule, sealed and later buried at the base of Marble Mountain.

The time capsule is a tribute to all the MACV-SOG personnel who were at FOB-4 on August 23, 1968. Also, a tribute to all SOG personnel, the South Vietnamese and indigenous team members and supporting elements such as Air Assets who served in America's secret war.

Rob Graham will host a 30-minute panel discussion with members of the team including Marianne, Larry, Xuan and Bruce. If you are curious about how Vietnam looks today, modern Vietnamese culture, or how the relations between our countries are, you will not want to miss this presentation.

The Green Beret family is strong and timeless, and the stories of their courage and sacrifice will be told forever.



Xuan Vu and Larry

TEAM GAMBLER - RETURN TO VIETNAM



MG JOHN K. SINGLAUB JEDBURGH AWARD



SFC Michael Darrigo

SFC Michael Darrigo has been selected as the 2023 recipient of the MG John K. Singlaub Jedburgh award.

Commanding General LTG Jonathan Braga and COL (R) Alan Shumate presented the award to SFA Darrigo during the Red and Black Ball on 3 May 2024.

SFC Darrigo's name will be engraved on a command plaque displayed in the USASOC Headquarters building, commemorating all past and future winners of the MG John K. Singlaub Jedburgh award. This plaque serves as a lasting tribute to the exceptional service and achievements of these honored individuals.

The narrative endorsing SFC Darrigo's selection for the award speaks to his "dedicated military service and exceptional achievements showing that he is truly deserving of this award and exemplifies the Army Special Operation Forces' next traits of toughness and audacity and epitomizes the Army Special Forces promise to ***Protect the Nation, Without Fear, without Fail and Without Equal.***"

"SFC Darrigo's demonstrated exceptional performance in the EUCOM theater stands out as he has deployed to Ukraine, Sweden, and Poland in pursuit of SOCEUR and U.S objectives. In preparation and throughout the deployment, SFC Darrigo worked tirelessly to not only prepare his teammates for future challenges but USSOCOM at large through his innovative mindset."



SFC Darrigo was born in Monterey, California and attended school in Salinas, California. After graduating from Santa Clara University and earning a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, SFC Darrigo enlisted in the Army as an 18X. After attending infantry 11B one station unit training (OSU SFC Darrigo attended the Special Forces Qualification Course (SFQC) at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He graduated in 2019 with an MOS of 18C and a language qualification in Russian. SFC Darrigo then attended the Military Freefall Basic Course in Yuma, Arizona, and subsequently was assigned to C CO, 3rd BN, 10th Special Forces Group as an 18C on SFOD-A 0332 in May of 2020. SFC Darrigo attended the ATF's Homemade Explosives Course in January of 2021, and immediately after, SFC Darrigo attended 10th Group's Level 2 Sniper Course.

MG JOHN K. SINGLAUB JEDBURGH AWARD

From June through November of 2021 , SFC Darrigo deployed to Georgia in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Areas of focus included integration of the Resistance Operating Concept with Georgian Special Operations Forces (GSOF) Eastern and Western battalions, demolitions, and long-range marksmanship.

Throughout January and February 2022, SFC Darrigo attended the Advanced Skills Company's Winter Warfare Course in Montrose Colorado, and in April of 2022, he attended the Special Forces Sniper Course at Fort Bragg, where he was selected as the distinguished honor graduate. In July of 2022, SFC Darrigo was named a Cell Leader within SFOD-A 0332.

From July through November 2023 SFC Darrigo deployed to Ukraine and later Poland in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Areas of focus included personnel security, counter assault team operations, and integration of the Resistance Operating Concept with Polish Territorial Defense Forces. SFC Darrigo's other training includes numerous Basic Mountaineering Course Level 3 refreshers, Rigging for Rescue Technical Ropework Course, Swedish Arctic Warfare Course, and the Counter Assault Team Course.

He is also an A license civilian skydiver with 120 jumps, and a PADI open water/SSI Nitrox certified scuba diver. SFC Darrigo is also a skilled MIG welder, steel fabricator, and carpenter. His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Special Forces Tab, Freefall Parachutist Badge, and Parachutist Badge.

THE SOA IS A PROUD SPONSOR OF THE SINGLAUB AWARD - OUR "SOG BOSS".

The MG John K. Singlaub Jedburgh Award was created in 2015 in honor and recognition of retired US Army Maj. Gen. John K. Singlaub's courageous actions on and off the battlefield as well as his significant contributions to the U.S. Army Special Operations Forces.

In addition to the plaque, Singlaub recipients are granted Honorary membership in the SOA. COL (R) Alan Shumate presented SFC Darrigo a certificate and welcomed him as a member of the Special Operations Association.



COL(R) Alan Shumate, SFC Michael Darrigo

MACV-SOG COMMEMORATIVE COIN

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ACTIVATION OF MACV-SOG COMMEMORATIVE COIN AND T-SHIRT

MACV-SOG was established 24 January 1964 as a highly classified, multi-service United States Special Operations unit conducting covert unconventional warfare before and during the Vietnam War

In observance of the 60th anniversary of MACV-SOG, SOA members attending SOAR XLVIII will receive a commemorative MACV-SOG coin.

The 2" commemorative coin and SOAR XLVIII reunion T-shirt is available in the online QM store.

SHOP ONLINE: [SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION](#)



\$20 each
2" Commemorative Coin

\$25 each
SOAR XLVIII reunion T-Shirt



If you have questions or need assistance purchasing these items, contact me directly.

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TAPS

The SOA has attempted to list our fallen as accurately as possible. Should any member have information about a deceased brother who has not been identified here, please contact the SOA Chaplain and the information will be published in our next report.

The following are our brothers who have passed since the last TAPS, and those who departed earlier, but were not previously identified.

NAME	SOA#	DECEASED DATE
BLACK, James A.	1296-A	13-Jul-2020
BOULAS, Leonard A.	2268-A	10-Mar-2024
BROWN, Phil	1253-G	22-Jan-2024
CHISOLM, JR., Leroy	3226-A	11-Jan-2021
COLE, James (Jim) B.	794-G	13-Apr-2024
DAVIS, Michael J.	928-G	24-Nov-2022
DONLON, Roger	1108-H	25-Jan-2024
DRISCOLL, JR., Arthur F.	2480-G	23-Jan-2024
DARRAGH, Shaun	454-G	18-May-2024
ELLIOTT, Kent M.	77-G	15-Mar-2022
ELLMERS, Richard D.	2110-G	20-Jul-2021
GLERUM, James N.	1624-G	5-Dec-2020
HAPNEY, Jimmy Lee	2422-G	16-Apr-2022
HUNT, Gene W.	767-G	20-Mar-2022
ISOLA, Willis "Ike"	2923-G	7-May-2024
JUNG, Gustav P.	1203-G	21-Oct-2011
LEE, Conley B.	1832-G	13-Jun-2022
LUEDERS, William T.	664-G	17-Feb-2024
NGUYEN, Trieu Hai	2095-O	25-Nov-2023
NIE, Y Thien	844-H	7-Nov-2023
SEYMOUR, John A.	541-G	1-Jan-2024
SHERMAN JR., William E.	3341-G	13-Jan-2024
SIMMONS, James H.	2501-A	10-May-2022
SIUGZDA, Herb	30-G	2-Nov-2023
WAGNER, Kenneth A.	3018-G	8-Feb-2024
WEISS, Jerold L.	1782-G	28-Aug-2022
WHITTLE, Charles E.	1434-G	1-Jan-2024
YEATS, Johnny "Rowdy"	2489-G	5-Mar-2024
ZIMMERMAN, Darrell W.	2615-A	27-Dec-2024

We give thanks to God for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly keeping in mind your work of faith and labor of love and perseverance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father. Thessalonians 1:2-3

Dale Hanson, SOA Chaplain
907-747-6498, cdhanson@att.net

And, though the warrior's sun has set, its light shall linger round us yet, bright, radiant, blest. - Jorge Manrique

UNCONVENTIONAL WARRIORS



THE LEGACY ENDURES



LIQUOR TASTING EVENT



Horace Boner, Host

The first Liquor Tasting was sponsored by Beam Suntory in 2014. The event was hosted by SOA members Tony Bandiera and Bill Werther. Since that time, SOA members and guests have enjoyed tasting different libations and learning the history of each - Scotch, Tequila, Tanqueray, and an assortment of whiskeys. But mostly, the fellowship and comradery of our members, and their guests.

Mark your calendar to join us during SOAR XLVIII:

**WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024
1630 - 1730**

Attendees' names will be entered into a drawing to win a SOA Bullet Drinking Glass!

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CCS SOUTHERN BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST



The CCS Breakfast began as the 195th AHC Breakfast around 2000. Over the years, our CCS partners, and others attended and the breakfast evolved into the CCS Southern Brotherhood Memorial Breakfast.

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2024

0800 - 0930

\$45 per person

Each year after we share breakfast with our friends and families, we read the names of our fallen comrades both CCS recon personnel and supporting aviators, who died in combat.

Those who gave all to their country are, "Never Forgotten". Some are still on the MIA list.

Those who wish to memorialize the fallen with us are welcome to attend.

Don Haase

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AVIATION SYMPOSIUM

Brian Cohen, SOA#3519, will be the speaker for the 2024 Aviation Symposium. He will share his experiences serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

THURSDAY, 17 OCTOBER 2024

1100 – 1200

Brian is an Air Force veteran who assisted the 20th and 4th Special Operations Squadrons that was conducting combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Brian worked primarily with the weapons systems for the MH-53 PAVE Low IV and the AC-130U. The AC-130U was the most up to date and modern gunship in the inventory until the J model was introduced.

The MH-53 is the same airframe with some upgrades that was conducting the Jolly Green Giant missions in Vietnam.



The SOA Foundation's mission is to assist members of the Special Operations community in fostering the well-being of its members, families and survivors.

In 2023, the SOAF and Auxiliary:

- Assisted two chronically ill SOA members
- Contributed \$36,000 to the George H. Morton Scholarship program
- Created the Widows Fund for widows experiencing financial hardships.
- Developed the SOA/SOAF Agent Orange Legacy Project, which seeks to determine the exposure of Special Operations and US Special Forces personnel to AO, as well as the effect on our children and grandchildren.

Stop by the SOAF Vendor Table to discuss ways you can help grow the SOAF mission.



**MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, 0800 – 2100
THURSDAY, 0800 – 1200**

SOAF Polo and t-shirts will be available for sale.
Ask about Bowling for the Foundation and COMBAT CUVÉE, SOA's official wine.

All interested members and guests are encouraged to attend the SOAF Auxiliary and share ideas!

**SOAF AUXILIARY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024
1300 – 1500**

If you know of an SOA member, spouse or widow needing assistance or support, contact the SOAF. All requests are confidential.

The work of the Foundation is ongoing and needs your support. Visit the SOAF website: soafoundation.net to donate and learn more about how you can support the Foundation.

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Vicki Chan-Padgett, Auxiliary Chair
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BOWLING FOR THE FOUNDATION!

THE ORLEANS BOWLING ARENA

**WEDNESDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2024
1930 – finish**

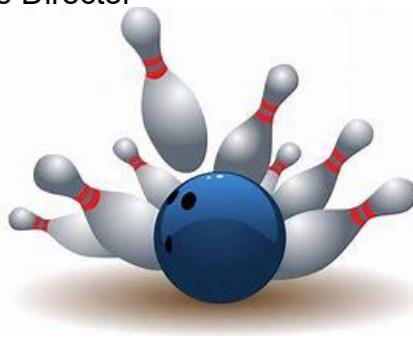
Come and join your fellow SOA members, families, and guests in this family-friendly event to support the SOAF!

THIS IS A *FUND-RAISER FOR THE FOUNDATION!* PARTICIPANTS WILL NEED TO RENT SHOES AND PAY LANE FEES, IF ANY

For a \$10.00 donation to the Foundation at the door:

- All participants will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50.00 gift certificate and basket, compliments of the Orleans Hotel and Casino
- There will be a prize for the highest score: Gentlemen and Ladies categories
- There will be a bolo prize (lowest score). No intentional gutter balls, please. You know who you are...
- **All proceeds support the Special Operations Association Foundation**
- This event is for fun and support of the SOAF mission.
- As it is usually held after the liquor tasting, it could get interesting. Heckling, rude remarks (no profanity), and friendly harassment of other bowlers will be tolerated. It will also be judged.

John "Doc" Padgett, Executive Director
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WARRIORS FAMILY FUND



Horace Boner, Chairman

FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

Established in 2012, the Warrior's Family Fund is dedicated to assisting SOA widows and their family members in attending the reunion, ensuring that no widow is unable to participate due to financial constraints. Funds from the program can be used to offset the costs of travel, hotel accommodations, and other expenses associated with attending the reunion.

Additionally, the Committee provides a stipend of up to \$500 to widows to help offset the costs of funeral expenses following the death of a SOA member. This support can make a significant difference during a difficult time and is a testament to our commitment to caring for our SOA family.

Widows or family members in need of assistance are encouraged to reach out to me for further information.

Please consider donating to the Warrior's Family Fund. This program is 100% funded through member donations, and every contribution makes a difference. To donate, visit the SOA website at SPECIALOPERATIONS.ORG and click on the DONATE tab. Be sure to *designate your donation to the Warrior's Family Fund* or contact me directly. Your support is crucial in ensuring that we can continue to help those who need it most.

During SOAR XLVIII, information about the Warrior's Family Fund will be available on the Members Table in the Vendors area. I encourage you to stop by, learn more about the program, and show your support.

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HEALTH AND WELFARE



John "Doc" Padgett

THE AGENT ORANGE LEGACY PROJECT THE MALADY LINGERS ON

The Special Operations Association and Foundation have partnered with researchers involved with investigation into Agent Orange (AO) exposure in VN veterans, specifically genetic disorders in our children and grandchildren.

The SOA Foundation has compiled data from Special Forces and Special Operations Vietnam veterans for analysis of the effect of AO on our community. It is our intention to increase awareness and the need for precautions. It is possible that in the future VA compensation could be available for those descendants who can show a link to parental or grandparental exposure to AO and subsequent cancer. The history of AO use and effects of AO exposure, as well as VA presumptive diagnoses will be reviewed.

The results of the SOA Foundation online survey that has been made available will be reviewed and discussed. Visit the Foundation website SOAFoundation.net to participate in the survey or click the following link [SOAF Agent Orange Legacy Project](#). We appreciate your participation.

**THURSDAY
17 OCTOBER 2024
1000 – 1100**



RDML (R) Ann Duff, Assistant Director of Office of Survivors Assistance (OSA), Pension & Fiduciary Service, will discuss Survivor benefits and what veterans can do now to help prepare their spouses and families for the future.

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT (DMOR)

The Regimental Awards and Affiliation Program honor those who have contributed to the welfare of their respective regiments while serving in the military, as Department of the Army civilians or in a private capacity. The program serves as a link between members of the regiments currently serving and those who have separated from service but continue to advance the interests of their regiments.

The following SOA members were inducted into the DMOR on Friday, 26 April 2024 at Ft Liberty NC.



The following list includes SOA members who have been inducted into the DMOR since its inception in 2005. Click the following link to visit the DMOR page to read full bios on all inductees:

[Special Forces Regimental Honors \(swcs.mil\)](http://swcs.mil)

SOA’s Distinguished Members of the Special Forces Regiment

2005

- Aaron BANK #827-G
- William THOMPSON #1515-G

2007

- Jimmy DEAN #123-G
- Jack SINGLAUB #108-G
- Billy WAUGH #5-G

2008

- Tyrone ADDERLY #2080-G
- Roger DONLON #1108-H
- Henry LUTHY #1031-G
- John PLASTER #726-G
- Walter SHUMATE #144-G

2009

- Charles AYCOCK #2399-G
- Isaac CAMACHO #1209-G
- Sully DeFONTAINE #177-G
- Joseph LUTZ #960-G
- Ola, MIZE #1257-G

2010

- Bennie ADKINS #3223-G
- Lewis BURRUSS, Jr. #1500-G
- Joseph CINCOTTI #908-G
- George GASPARD, Jr. #350-G
- Robert HOWARD #969-G
- George PETRIE #818-G
- Eulis PRESLEY #830-G
- Joseph STRINGHAM #3222-G
- Morris WORLEY #1698-G

2011

- Kenneth BOWRA #1058-G
- Jon CAVAIANI #1000-G
- Drew DIX #1966-H
- Walter HETZLER #2816-G
- James KRAUS #1506-G
- Willie McLEOD #2411-G
- Charles NORTON #871-G

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE SPECIAL FORCES REGIMENT (DMOR)

2012

Eldon BARGEWELL	#1474-G
Geoffrey BARKER	#919-G
Charles BECKWITH	#550-G
Armando CANALES	#980-G
Robert CHAREST	#646-G
Charles GRAY	#2494-G
Jerry KING	#2853-G
James MORRIS	#531-G
Clifford NEWMAN	#6-G
Jack TOBIN	#509-G

2013

<i>Roy BENAVIDEZ</i>	<i>#965-G</i>
Charles FRY	#2074-G
Glenn LANE	#1718-G
Willie MERKERSON	#3184-G
George MORTON	#59-G
Harris MUNCK	#312-G
James SPOO	#3196-G
William TANGNEY	#1460-G
Melvin WICK	#958-G

2014

Herman ADLER	#2273G
John CRERAR	#681-G
Norman DONEY	#665-G
Wade ISHIMOTO	#2450-G
Claude McBROOM	#768-G
Richard MEADOWS	#766-G
<i>Melvin MORRIS</i>	<i>#3169-G</i>
Samuel WILSON	#130-G

2015

Darrell ELMORE	#1611-G
Thomas SMITH	#138-G
Lothar WILLIAMS	#1366-G
<i>Fred ZABITOSKY</i>	<i>#157-G</i>

2016

Warner FARR	#1574-G
Geoffrey LAMBERT	#2300-G
Arthur "Bull" SIMONS	#2364-G

2017

<i>Franklin MILLER</i>	<i>#968-G</i>
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2018

John MULHOLLAND	#2941-G
<i>Gary M. ROSE</i>	<i>#1528-G</i>
Clyde SINCERE, Jr.	#10-G

2019

David McCracken	#3388-G
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2020

Harold JACOBSON	#69-G
Joe LOPEZ	#2493-G
John PADGETT	#404-G
Roger PEZZELLE	#68-G
Michael TAYLOR	#698-G

2021

Joe WALKER	#2023-G
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2022

<i>Earl PLUMLEE</i>	<i>#3532-G</i>
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2023

John J. DUFFY	#9-G
Ronald JOHNSON	#1774-G
Mark MITCHELL	#3583-G
David MORRIS	#3486-G

2024

Harvey G. BRANDE	#2380-G
Victor J. HUGO	#1486-G
Vladimir JAKOVENKO	#3374-G
<i>George K SISLER</i>	<i>#1550-G</i>
Lee A. VAN ARSDALE	#410-G

Names in italics denote a MOH Recipient

GMM STANDING RULES OF ORDER

Special Operations Association Reunion XLVIII Annual Meeting

Preamble:

The Board of Directors has created the following Standing Rules of Order in accordance with the directions and guidelines established in Chapter XIX of Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised (RRNR).

The purpose of these Standing Rules of Order are to assure members' rights are fully protected, simplify what otherwise are sometimes confusing and contradictory Parliamentary Procedure options, establish order, and to capture the exact wording of proposed Topics of Discussion (TODs), Resolutions and Motions for the record.

These Standing Rules require approval by the General Members before they will be implemented and adhered to for this GMM. These Standing Rules of Order are temporary and apply to this one single GMM only. Their authority ceases on the adjournment of the GMM.

We ask every General Member to read these proposed Standing Rules and to approve them with his vote.

Admission into the General Member Meeting room requires all members to wear or prominently display the Badge/Name tag issued by the Secretary/Registration Committee. General Members will be seated in the area designated by the Sergeants-at-Arms for "voting" members.

The Secretary, directly after the opening ceremonies, shall report the number of General Members registered at this year's SOAR and/or exclusively for the GMM and the number of those currently present in the meeting room. The number present at the beginning of the business meeting shall be the number used to determine if the SOA's quorum requirements have been met per Article VII Section C of the Bylaws. If the quorum requirement is met, the number of members reported present shall be the base number for determining a majority for all votes conducted during this GMM.

All voting will be by physical count of hands or ballots. When voting, members are requested to raise their RIGHT hand over their heads in order that the Sergeants-at-Arms can facilitate a proper count.

General Members who desire to present a Topic of Discussion (TOD), Resolution, or Motion from the floor that was not previously submitted to the Secretary per SOA Bylaws Article VII Section E must first submit a legibly written or typed copy to the Secretary prior to the opening the GMM but no later than the opening of New Business. If the request is in compliance with the Bylaws it will be added to the agenda under New Business in the order it was received by the Secretary.

At the appropriate time on the Agenda, the Secretary will request the Member who desires to open a TOD, make a Resolution, or Motion to rise and request their TOD, Resolution, or Motion to be read by the Secretary. In lieu of the President stating the question, the Secretary will read the TOD, Resolution, or Motion as presented and entered into the record at which time the Chair will call for a Second. If a Second is made, the Chair will then acknowledge the originating member who may then speak as defined in Rules 5 & 6, and, if appropriate, a vote will follow.

2024 GMM AGENDA

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

16 October 2024

The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada

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|-------|---|---------------------------------------|
| I. | Call to Order | President Godshall |
| II. | Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms | President Godshall |
| III. | Pledge of Allegiance TBD | |
| IV. | Opening Prayer/Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs, and POWs | Chaplain Hanson |
| V. | Roll Call | Director Rivero |
| | SOA Board of Officers/Directors -President Godshall, VP King, Secretary Jensen,
Treasurer Devon, Director Rivero, Director Haase, Director Whitt,
Director Gordon, Director Owens | |
| VI. | SOA Special Staff Members Present. | President Godshall |
| | Introduction of Guests President Godshall | |
| VII. | Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present,
and if a quorum present | President Godshall |
| VIII. | General Member's Approval of GMM Agenda. | President Godshall |
| IX. | Business Meeting: | |
| | A. Regular Business: | |
| | 1. Approve SOAR XLVII General Membership Mtg Minutes
(SOAR XLVII AAR) | President Godshall |
| | 2. Financial Reports | Treasurer Devon |
| | 3. Special Operations Association Foundation Report. | Ex Director Padgett |
| | 4. SOA Membership Committee Report | Chairman Wilson |
| | 5. SOA Scholarship Committee Report. | Chairman Yevich |
| | 6. SOA Chaplain's Report. | Chaplain Hanson |
| | 7. SOA Riders Committee Report | Chairman Whitt |
| | 8. SOA Brightlight Committee Report. | Chairman Owens |
| | 9. SOA Warrior's Family Fund | Chairman Boner |
| | 10. SOA Personal Video History Committee Report | Chair Cummings |
| | 11. Information Technology (IT) Committee | Chairlady Cooper |
| | 12. SOA QM Sales Report | Chairman Daniels |
| | 13. Bill Sylvester SOA Tally Committee Report | Chairman Frovarp |
| | 14. Entertainment Committee Report | Chairman Russell |
| | 15. Farewell to SOA Board Members | President Godshall |
| | 16. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors
Director Position 1.; Director Position 2: | President Godshall & Secretary |
| | 17. Non-valor Award Presentations– | Membership Chair & President Godshall |
| | a. Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members | |
| | b. Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members | |
| | c. Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members: | |
| | d. Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members: | |
| | e. Recognition, 40 Year SOA Members: | |
| | B. New Business: | |
| X. | For the Good of the Order President Godshall | |
| XI. | Meeting Adjournment: | |

Respectfully Submitted by
RT Rivero, Director, Special Operations Association

2023 GMM MINUTES

- I. Call to Order 1331 PDT President Godshall
- II. Recognition, Sergeants-at-Arms - *Ron Owens, George Sternberg, Robert Taylor, Tim Schaff* President Godshall
- III. Pledge of Allegiance President Godshall
- IV. *Moment of Silence for our Fallen, MIAs and POWs* President Godshall
- V. Roll Call – SOA Board of Officers/Directors Director Rivero
 President Godshall, Treasurer Devon, Director Rivero, Director Owens, Director Gordon, Director Haase, Director Whitt, VP King arrived soon after.
- VI. SOA Special Staff Members Present President Godshall
 Ray Frovarp, Joe Wilson, Horace Boner, John Russell, Bonnie Cooper
- VII. Credentials Report/Announcement of GM Present, and if a quorum is present General Members present, 89. A quorum was present.
- VIII. General Member’s Approval of GMM Agenda President Godshall President
 Godshall called for a motion to approve the agenda, which carried unanimously.
- IX. Business Meeting
- A. Regular Business:
1. Approve SOAR XLVI General Membership Mtg Minutes President Godshall
 President Godshall asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting (19 Oct 2022). Joe Wilson so moved; Ray Frovarp seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Prior to proceeding with the regular agenda items, President Godshall introduced the “Three Amigos” who presented a small tribute to our former Vice-President Mike Taylor in the form of a twelve inch “action figure of Mike that will be taken to the Fifth Group Hall of Heroes at Ft. Campell for permanent display.
 2. Financial Reports (See AAR Reports) Treasurer Devon
 - SOA – A 501(c)19 corporation. *The Balance Sheet shows a total of \$623,000 assets, \$8,500 of temporary liabilities, and \$614,000 of equity. The Total Assets and Liabilities comparison is \$94,000 on a year over year basis. The income during the nine-month year to date period is \$169,000. Treasurer Devon cautioned that the figures are skewed to the positive as they do not yet show anticipated expenses of about \$70,000 incurred at SOAR. Despite this, the financial health of the SOA will remain very strong.*
 - SOAF- A 501(c)3 corporation. *The Balance Sheet shows a total of \$53,000 assets, \$0 liabilities, and \$53,000 of equity. The Total Liabilities and Equity comparison year over year is \$32,000 which reflect improved fundraising efforts. The income during the nine-month-year to date period is \$21,000.*
 3. SOA Foundation Report Ex Dir Padgett
Ex Director Padgett began by recounting the Foundation’s efforts to find members that might have been affected by the recent fires in Maui. Fortunately, no members were affected by this, but in the future the Foundation will continue to aid members affected by natural disasters. He encouraged members to contribute to the SOAF so that this worthwhile activity can be sustained in the future.
Ex Director Padgett also noted that he and Gen. Bowra and Vice-President King will be doing a “Lessons Learned” presentation at Fort Bragg. At this event, Gen. Bowra will represent the “then” and Vice-President King will be the “now”.
 4. SOA Scholarship Committee Report. President Godshall
President Godshall commented that with the costs of higher education hovering at around \$25,000 the Committee had increased the awards to our deserving scholarship candidates. Presently, four very good candidates were granted \$4,000 each. This program benefits the families of all members and donations are encouraged.

2023 GMM MINUTES

5. SOA Brightlight Committee Report. Chairman Owens
Chairman Owens was gratified that the Committee was able to assist some members in attending SOAR this year. He thanked everyone for their support and especially Larry Trimble, Marcus Whitt, and the SOA riders for their contributions to the fund. He asked the assembled to let us know if you are aware of someone in need of assistance. He reminded the assembled that assistance for those in need can be for travel, meals, or perhaps care givers.
 6. SOA Warrior's Family Fund Committee Report Chairman Boner
The Warrior's family fund was able to provide monetary assistance to the widow of a recently deceased member. Chairman Boner stressed the need for contributions to maintain this very important benefit for our families
 7. Tally Committee Report President Godshall
In August 1,100 ballots were sent to eligible General Members. The Tally Committee met in October and tallied the results. President Godshall won with 195 votes, Treasurer Devon won with 203 votes, Director Haase won with 116 votes.
 8. SOA Riders Committee Report Chairman Whitt *This year's ride was held in Knoxville. 16 riders and 10 significant others participated and travelled for four days, over 31 miles through eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. The ride generated \$2,300, and an additional contribution by a Toyota dealership in California facilitated by Larry Trimble brought our total donation to Brightlight to \$4,000. The next ride is scheduled for February 8. SOA members are encouraged to join the riders and participate in our rides.*
 9. SOA Entertainment Committee Report Chairman Russell
This year's "Beatles Love" event at the Mirage sold out with 99 attendees signed up. More than 12 members were on standby but only 4 cancellations were registered. However, with the help of the Cirque sales coordinator Mr. Hinterlightner we were able to obtain a few more seats. They were all rewarded with a sensational show. These events are very popular, so for all future events members are encouraged to register online as soon as the registration portal opens.
 10. Swearing in newly elected SOA Officers/Directors President Godshall
 President– Doug Godshall; Treasurer, Phil Devon; Director, Don Haase
 11. Non-Valor Award Presentations President Godshall, Member Chair
 Recognition, 20 Year SOA Members Recognition, 25 Year SOA Members Recognition, 30 Year SOA Members Recognition, 35 Year SOA Members Recognition, 40 Year SOA Members
President Godshall and Chairman Joe Wilson presented Tenure Pins to many of the 58 eligible members registered for SOAR.
- B. New Business:
- C. For the Good of the Order:

X. Meeting Adjournment: 14:40 PDT

Respectfully Submitted by

RT Rivero

Director, Special Operations Association

SOA MEMBERS ACHIEVING TENURE

45-YEAR TENURE

The following members joined the Special Operations Association in 1980 and will be recognized during the conduct of the SOAR XLVIII Banquet.

BARRETT, John Patrick
 BELLETIRE JR., Frank L.
 BENNETT, Martin T.
 CAMACHO, Fred A.
 CAVALLERO JR, Joseph
 FARAGO, Julius Z.
 JENNINGS, Henry D.
 MANN, Russel S.
 MEDER, Roland S.

MENDOZA, Charlie
 MONTEZ, Alfred
 NEWMAN, John R.
 RYDER, David F.
 SARKOVICS, Jerry
 STEFFLER, Charles R.
 TRIMBLE, Larry
 VERMILLION, Michael J.

40-YEAR TENURE

The following members joined the Special Operations Association in 1985 and will be recognized during the conduct of the SOAR XLVIII General Membership Meeting.

BROKHAUSEN, Richard
 BUCKNELL, Allan L.
 ESTES, Richard L.
 FRANQUET, Carl R.
 FRONABARGER, Carl A.
 HECTOR, Lionel L.
 LUSCHER, John
 PARENTEAU, David

QUACKENBUSH, Ken R.
 SHULTZ, Raymond R.
 TRANTANELLA, John M.
 TURNER, J. R.
 WHITT II, Marcus B.
 WILKERSON, Ralph M.

SOA MEMBERS ACHIEVING TENURE



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35-YEAR TENURE

The following members joined the Special Operations Association in 1990 and will be recognized during the conduct of the SOAR XLVIII General Membership Meeting.

ARREDONDO, Saul
 BELLUSCIO, Anthony
 CASTLEBERRY, Franklin T.
 FISHMAN, M. Steven
 GODANO, Nicholas J.
 HEAD, Robert F.

JENSEN, Paul Ray
 MACIVER, Donald F.
 MCGIFFERT, Peter H.
 ROSS, Jon
 TAYLOR, Robert
 WOODSON, Charles R.

30-YEAR TENURE

The following members joined the Special Operations Association in 1995 and will be recognized during the conduct of the SOAR XLVIII General Membership Meeting.

BIRDSALL, Harry
 BOSWELL, Dale E.
 BURKE, Thomas W.
 CAMACHO, Issac
 CHAFFEE, Colin Lee
 CORNETT, Russell T.
 DEAN, Ward
 DELANEY, Francis J.
 DOAN, Khanh V.
 DURAND, William
 ESTENSON, Jerry D.
 HANSON, William

HARRISON, James C.
 HEBERT, Gary C.
 HILL, Roger L.
 LOUCKS, Bryon
 MCCLINTOCK, Matthew
 PERRY, Stephen C.
 PROUT, JR., William L.
 PUGH, Eugene H.
 THOMPSON, Kenneth E.
 WAGGLE, Allyn S.
 WOLCOFF, Edward

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25-YEAR TENURE

The following members joined the Special Operations Association in 2000 and will be recognized during the conduct of the SOAR XLVIII General Membership Meeting.

BATES, Todd N.	KLINE, Robert M.
BITTLE, Richard A.	LANE, Glenn E.
BLACK, Lynne M.	LOLLINI, Lance O.
BODIN JR, Curtis J.	MAKOOL, J. J. (Crash)
BOREK, Jan	MASTERSON, Raymond S.
BOYD, Barclay	MAYHEW, John W.
BRADOW, Robert A.	MCDANIEL, Joel S.
BROWN, Andrew M.	MCKIM, Keith L.
BROWN, Roy E.	MILLER, Russell H.
BYRD, Mark A.	MOCHEN, Thomas S
CAO, Son Hung	MORRIS, Robert E.
COLE, Robert L.	MUMMERY, Jeffrey C.
COOK, Jackie W.	PAINE, Brian W.
CORDOVA, Lorence M.	PEEPLES JR, Otis B.
CORKRAN, Donald L.	PRUETT, Bobby G.
CROSBY, William R.	SAUNDERS, John R.
DAVIS, Howard B.	SAWYER, Paul
DOBSON, Kim	SCHAEFFER, James H.
FERGUSON, James F.	SICILIANO, David F.
FULTON, Donald F.	SINTON, Robert S.
HAMMOND, Jay C.	SWANSIGER, Raymond G.
HARALSON, John T.	TIGANO, Frank A.
HILL, Phillip E.	WATKINS, Patrick N.
HOOKER, James E.	WEISBROD, James B.
HURST, Michael R.	WILDE, James E.
IMADA, Bert S.	WILSON, Herschel R.
JARRETT, James R.	WINTERRATH, Joseph R.
JENNINGS, Norman E.	

SOA MEMBERS ACHIEVING TENURE



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20 YEAR TENURE

The following members joined in 2005 and will be recognized during the General Membership Meeting in October at SOAR XLVIII.

ALDRICH, Robert C.

BRILEY, Robert E.

BRULIA, John C.

BURKE, Edward J.

CASON, Billy

COPPINGER, John J.

CURS, Paul A.

DEO, Richard L.

ELDRIDGE, Robert D.

ELDRIDGE, Robert E.

FASICK JR, John C.

HEINRICY, Michael C.

HERBES, Michael E.

HONEYCUTT, David J.

HOWE, Gary P.

IMES, Allan B.

ISHIMOTO, Wade Y.

JONES, Donald H.

LAWSON JR, Thomas R.

LOPEZ, Joe

MITCHELL, Samuel Curt

MOORE, Michael C.

MORSE, James Fredrick

MOTSETT, Charles B.

MULLEN, Alan P.

NGO, Nguyen Khon

PATTEN, Thomas D.

QUEZADA, Noe

REESE, Coy W.

RICE, Phillip W.

SAAM, Donald L.

SAWICKI, Edward J.

SHORTEN, Richard B.

SILLS, Larry E.

TAYLOR, Michael Peter

TAYLOR, Paul Calvin

VAN WINKLE, Richard L.

WALKER JR, Arthur F.

WILLIAMS, Donald R.

WILLIAMS, Ronald E.

WISENER, Larue D.



SOA MEMBERS ACHIEVING TENURE



2024 SOA BOARD ELECTIONS

Balloting Procedures

The 2024 election will fill three (3) vacancies on the SOA Board:

SOA SECRETARY
SOA DIRECTOR – 2 VACANCIES

The election will employ an electronic balloting system. Ballots will be emailed on or about 1 July 2024, to General Members in good standing who have an email address on file.

Those without a valid email address will receive a paper ballot via USPS.

Ballots must be received/postmarked by the deadline: 30 September 2024.

Direct questions to:

Ray Frovarp, Tally Chairman

910 850-6023

rmfrovarp@gmail.com

CANDIDATE FOR SOA SECRETARY



MARCUS WHITT
SOA 602-G

I would like to submit my name for consideration as the Secretary of the SOA Board of Directors. I currently serve as the Director of SOA Riders and wish to continue in this capacity.

I served as an SF O5B4S at CCS in 1969-1970, assigned to the TOC and a radio-relay site before joining the 1st Exploitation Company that participated in several Cambodia missions.

There is no greater service than to continue to serve the brave men that participated in and/or supported SOG. I wish to give all that I can to serve these great men and feel that my experience and prior service will enhance my ability to give back. I hope you will consider my name for the position of Secretary.

I've enjoyed my SOA membership and if elected would give my time to the organization that has given so much.

Thank you for your consideration

CANDIDATES FOR SOA DIRECTOR (2 POSITIONS)



JAMES SHORTEN
SOA 842-G

I would like to submit my name for consideration for a Board of Directors position.

I have been in SOA for over 35 years, and I feel that it is time to give back to my fellow comrades.

I joined the US Navy in 1964, served 22 months in DaNang, with the Seabees. Then joined the Army, served with 5th Group in Vietnam for 18 months, A-502 and CCC as the One-Zero of Rt. Delaware. I also served with B-53 as an instructor for One-Zero school. I joined the 12th Reserve Special Forces, Underwater Operations Team A-314 after Vietnam. After Special Forces I served with the USAF, 129th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service as a Pararescueman (PJ) until I retired in 1984. After the service, I went back to college and trained to be a doctor. Graduated as a Radiologist and practiced in Tucson, Arizona until I retired.

Thank you for your consideration.



RICHARD FREEMAN
SOA 573-G

I am Rick Freeman, and I am asking for your consideration for SOA director.

I was a Cobra pilot supporting CCN at the Quang Tri launch site from April '69 to May '71. After Vietnam I flew fighters from aircraft carriers, airliners, EMS, ISR for tier one operations in Afghanistan, and corporate jets. I flew slicks in the 160th reserve battalion.

As a SOG support person I never felt it ethically sound to get involved with the management of our association. I have never been to a Q course. As our ranks begin to thin out it is time to rethink that position. I have been a member for a long time, I have seen opinions expressed over the years. The motto of special operations today comes from Isaiah 6:8, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am Lord! Send me."

Thank you for your consideration.

SOA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2024-25 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Scholarship Committee is pleased to report that all twelve (12) applicants who applied to the scholarship program will receive a financial award. This outcome reflects the exceptional quality of the applications, the commitment of our evaluators and the generous contributions from our membership, all underscoring SOA's dedication to ensuring funding for our progeny.

The scholarship program is comprised of three separate awards: The George Morton Scholarship, the Len and Nancy Fein STEM Endowment and William and Eleanor Lueders Honors Endowment, all accessed through a single application process. Each application is redacted to ensure anonymity, then evaluated and ranked independently by our dedicated evaluators.

Final decisions are based on the totality of each application, rather than on a single metric such as scores, grades, or essays. This comprehensive approach ensures that we recognize a broad spectrum of achievements and potential. The 2024-25 Awardees are:

D'ARPA, Lily, North Arizona Univ. – Granddaughter of Robert Johnson 2663-G
DOWNES, Jaxon, West Virginia Univ, Parkersburg – Son of John Downes, 3174-G
ESQUIVEL, Jasmine, Valencia College, FL - Granddaughter of John Coppinger, 2518-G
FINCH, London Marie, Austin Community College, TX – Granddaughter of Mark Kinsler 700-G
GREER, Laura, Univ California-Davis – Granddaughter of Joel McDaniel, 1706-G
LOCK, Joseph Sean, Virginia Tech – Son of Joseph Lock, 3535-G
LOCK, Katelin, Virginia Tech – Daughter of Joseph LOCK, 3535-G
MUNSEY, MacKenzie, Univ of Colorado, Boulder – Granddaughter of Anthony Munsey, 3346-G
PORAMBO, Macey, Auburn Univ – Daughter of John Porambo, 3656-G
SCHOWENGERDT, Loren, Univ of Nebraska-Lincoln – Daughter of Cory Schowengerdt, 3526-G
STRICKER, Hunter, Univ of Colorado, Boulder – Grandson of Charles Stricker 3189-G
SUTCLIFFE, Christian, Columbia College, MO. – Grandson of Grenville Sutcliffe, 1154-G

My tenure as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee will end in October 2024; however, I am pleased to announce that Vicki Chan-Padgett, 3664-H, has been appointed as my successor. She will open the 2025-26 application process. Watch for updates on the SOA website and newsletters.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the 40+ volunteer evaluators who, during my 4-year tenure as Chairman, generously dedicated their time and expertise to read, evaluate, and rank the applicants. Their dedication has been vital to the success of the scholarship program.

Thank you for your continued support and contributions which make our scholarship program possible.

For more information about the scholarship program, visit the SOA website: specialoperations.org

Steve Yevich, Scholarship Chairman 2020-2024
syevich@hotmail.com

FEE SCHEDULE AND CONTACT UPDATE

SOA FEE SCHEDULE

ORDER REPLACEMENT CARDS	\$20	Life Member
	\$10	Annual Member
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL	\$30	If paid before January 31 (\$35) If paid after January 31)
REINSTATE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$25	Add fee if more than 12 months in arrears.
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	\$305	ages 70 and older
	\$505	under 70

If you are applying for reinstatement or a change in status from annual to life, contact the Membership Committee in advance to verify status.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Indicate below the changes you would like to make to your member records. All information is confidential and will not be shared without prior consent.

SOA# _____ Date of change _____

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

NEXT-OF-KIN CONTACT INFORMATION

Relationship to Member (wife, Son, Daughter, Brother, etc.) _____

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email: _____

Contact the Chairman for further information:
 Joe Wilson, Membership Chairman
 954 448-2981; membership@specialoperations.org

Mailing address: SPECIAL OPERATIONS
 PO Box 335461
 N. Las Vegas, NV 89033



SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION

SOAR 2024 TABLE RAFFLE!!!

Back by popular demand with new prizes...**The SOAR 2024 Table Raffle!!!!**

You can buy as many tickets as you wish to WIN (Details and Price for tickets will be available at the **SOAR 2024 Table Raffle** Table in the Vendor Area).

We have an array of several vendors and members who have generously donated items for auction.

YOU MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN !

Here are just some of the exciting items we will have for the Table Raffle this year....



Smith & Wesson Model 19 Revolver
& 1911 customized SOG Handguns



Bonnie Cooper's Hand Made
Patriot Quilt



Vietnam War Collection Colt AR15 Donated by C Stewart Slotton II



Smith & Wesson Lever Action 44 Magnum Rifle



Numbered Collectible SOG Knife



Handcrafted Knives



POP Smoke Coffee Gift Basket of Items

Winning Tickets will be drawn on the Wednesday of SOAR.
Winners will be announced at the Raffle Table at 1600 Hours on Wednesday.

SOA QUARTERMASTER

NEW STORE HOURS

MONDAY – WEDNESDAY, 0900 – 1700

THURSDAY – closed for inventory



DRI-FIT POLO SHIRTS
New Colors Available



HOODED SWEATSHIRT
Pullover or Zippered



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SOA TIE
\$18



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Sml – Med - \$15

Don't hesitate to contact me by phone or text if you need assistance in navigating the order form, website or have suggestions on products.

Bob Daniels, SOA Quartermaster
Call or Text 727 804-0481
soaquartermaster@gmail.com

SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASSOCIATION 2024 ONLINE RAFFLE

PRP raffle tickets for the Sig are now available for purchase and, AAR raffle ticket sales for the Browning have been extended.

There is no limit - buy tickets for the AAR, PRP or both.

\$45 – 1 pack of 10 tickets

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN

AAR and PRP Winning tickets will be drawn during the conduct of SOAR XLVIII.
Winners will be notified NLT 01 November 2024 and will have 90 days to claim the prize or \$800.

PRP RAFFLE - Choose one (1) of the Sig Sauers below or \$800!
Proceeds will fund the Video History Program



SIG SAUER (CA compliant)



SIG SAUER 365 XL



SIG SAUER 365X

AAR RAFFLE - Choose the Springfield Browning or \$800!
Proceeds will fund the Scholarship Program

Hi- Power Pistol
7.75" L x .98" W x 5.1" H -32 OZ
15 + 1 Round Capacity

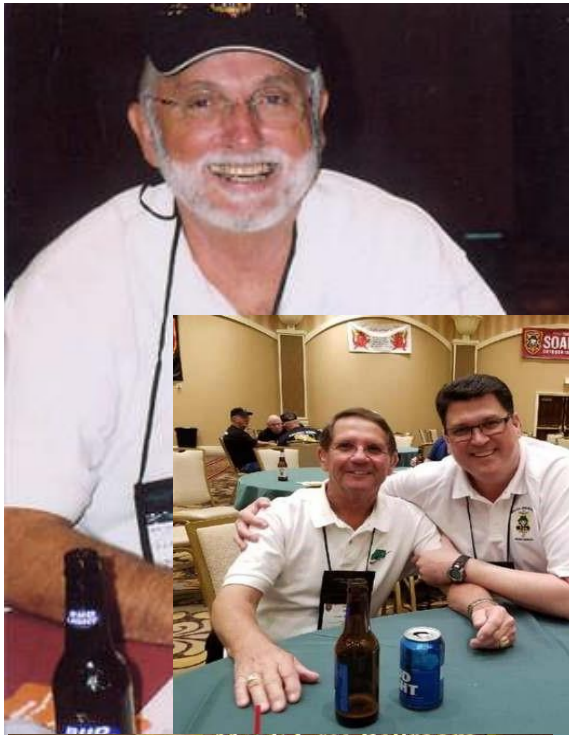


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BUY NOW

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October 14-18, 2024



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