

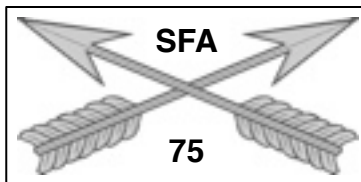
# SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

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## RALLY POINT

Chapter Meeting  
1500-1700 hrs – 5 NOVEMBER 2011  
Stu Segal Productions, OP Briefing Room

## COMMO BURST

Chapter Meeting Dates for 2012  
**7 JAN, 3 MAR, 5 MAY, 7 JUL, 8 SEP, 3 NOV**

### *SOF Casualties - Lest We Forget...*

SSG Wyatt Goldsmith 3/1st SFG(A), KIA 7/15/11  
MSG Benjamin Stevenson, USASOC, KIA 7/21/11  
SGT Dennis Kancler, MARSOC, non-hostile 7/31/11  
SGT Patrick Dolphon, MARSOC, non-hostile 7/31/11  
SGT Christopher Wrinkle, MARSOC, non-hostile 7/31/11  
CPT Waid Ramsey, HHC, 20th SFG(A), KIA 8/4/11  
PO1 Aaron Vaughn, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Michael Strange, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
CPO Matt Mills, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
CPO Kevin Houston, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
MCPON Tommy Ratzlaff, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
CPO Robert Reeves, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
LCDR Jonas Kelsall, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
CPO Brian Bill, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Jason Workman, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Jon Tumilson, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO2 Nicholas Spehar, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
CPO Matthew Mason, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
MCPON Lou Langlais, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Christopher Campbell, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Johnny Douangdara, USN EXW K-9 handler, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Darrik Benson, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Jesse Pittman, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
SCPO Kraig Vickers, USN SEAL, KIA 8/6/11  
CPO Nicholas Null, USN EXW EOD, KIA 8/6/11  
PO1 Jared Day, USN EXW, KIA 8/6/11  
TSGT John Brown, 24th Special Tactics Sqd PJ, KIA 8/6/11  
SSGT Daniel Zerbe, 24th Special Tactics Sqd PJ, KIA 8/6/11  
SSG Andrew Harvell, 24th Special Tactics Sqd, KIA 8/6/11  
SGT Alessandro Plutino, 1/75th Ranger Regt, KIA 8/7/11  
SFC Danial Adams, 1/10th SFG(A), KIA, 9/13/11  
SSG Michael Hosey, 3/1st SFG(A), KIA 9/17/11  
SGT Tyler Holtz, 2/75th Ranger Regt, KIA 9/24/11

## THE "PREZ" SEZ

Howdy to all, may this letter find you in good spirit and health.

The Summer has subsided and Fall is upon us. It reminds me that many of our comrades are in the Fall or Winter seasons of our lives. We've attended many funerals, memorial and veterans events, remembering our fallen comrades and those whom continue to carry the torch of freedom. We need to continue to do so and as such kudos to all those members who have taken a little time out of their day to render a salute and honor those who went on before. Thanx Much!

We would also like to express our thanks for Charlie's dedicated and untiring work as the Project Officer on the SF Memorial Project. It really is going to happen eventually.

Kudos also to Pat and Linda Trussell for again hosting the 3rd Annual SF Horseshoe Tournament. Bobby Rosalee, Raul Garcia, Charlie Inot, Mike and Susie Cates volunteered their time and labor to this event which successfully raised \$425 for the Green Beret Foundation. A tip of the beret to all the folks who worked and played.

With the holiday season approaching families become a priority at this time. Especially those families that we try to bring a bit of cheer to during the Christmas Season. Ed Dougherty has stepped up again to lead the Holiday Family Project and has challenged the membership to contribute whatever may be affordable and he will match it with his own funds. Kudos to Ed! Thanks for putting your donation up front!

We wish you all to have a joyous holiday season, be safe and keep our troops and nation in your prayers. God Bless America and watch your six.

Dave



*Dave  
DeSoucy  
Chapter  
President*



# SITREP

## CHAPTER MINUTES

8 September 2011

At 1500 hours, the **Chapter President Dave DeSoucy**, called the meeting to order with the following members in attendance: **Goyo Flores, Charlie Inot, Richard Owens, Tom O'Hara, Barbara Birchim, Ed Dougherty, Rich Mulchek, Herb Henson, Robert Tellez, John Meyer, Dale Bulick, Glyn Camus, Robert Jones, Pat Trussell, Raul Garcia, Bill Nelson, Pat Russell, Robert Oram, Mike Healey, Toby Todd, Jim and Julie Baker.** He then led us in the *Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*.

The **Chapter Vice President Goyo Flores**, read the 30 names of the servicemen assigned to Special Operations Command who have died in Afghanistan since the last chapter meeting. This was followed by a moment of silence for our fallen comrades, POWs/MIAs.

The **Chapter Secretary Charlie Inot**, declared that the *Chapter Minutes* for the last meeting were published in the last issue of the *Crossed Arrows* newsletter. **Ed Dougherty** made a motion to accept the minutes as published and was seconded by **Raul Garcia**. The motion was passed without discussion.

The **Chapter Treasurer Joe Hitt**, was not in attendance and no report was received.

The **Chapter Quartermaster Robert Tellez**, did not make a report.

### Old Business:

**Charlie Inot** provided an up-date regarding the chapter's *Special Forces Memorial Project*. Recently he met with **Director Wes Jones** for the Fort Rosecrans and Miramar National Cemeteries. It was acknowledged that the chapter's proposal to donate a commemorative memorial could not be accepted at this time. Only the smaller standardized memorials (24" to 36" high, 33" to 45" wide and 12" to 20" deep) were being approved for the *Memorial Walk* located at the Miramar National Cemetery. **Director Jones** said he could approve a standardized memorial if it met the design guidelines and cost \$3,000 or less. **Charlie Inot** said we currently have more than enough money in the bank ear marked for this project. The memorial design is being reduced in scale and will retain the major Special Forces emblems and insignias. A rendering of the design will be available at the November meeting.

**Pat Trussell** said that he was prepared for the *3rd Annual Special Forces Horseshoe Tournament* on Saturday, October 1st. He has installed a permanent restroom on his property so the chapter will not have to rent port-a-potties. Chapter volunteers were requested for Friday, September 30th to help setup for the tournament. The Chapter Secretary said an advance would be needed to support the event. The **Chapter Vice President** made a motion to advance \$300 for support and the motion was seconded by **Pat Russell**. The motion was passed without discussion.

### New Business:

The **President** announced that Vietnam veterans who received a Purple Heart Medal, for being wounded could be one of 9 lucky vets to win a trip to Vietnam, January 5-18 2012. The event is being sponsored by the *Veterans of Foreign Wars*.

The **President** also briefed on his recent military related parachute trip. He brought in a display case with the dozen foreign honorary parachute badges he has been awarded over the years.

**Barbara Birchim** announced that on September 16, 2011, the *American Ex-Prisoners of War – San Diego County Chapter 1*, would be dedicating a memorial monument on the grounds of the Miramar National Cemetery. Chapter members were invited to attend.



### **American Ex-POW Memorial Dedication**

L to R: Jones, Inot, Birchim, Cook, Camus, DeSoucy

**Pat Russell** talked about the *Veteran's Treatment Review Calendar* – (See article in this newsletter. This worthy program is seeking military veterans to be mentors.)

**John Meyer** gave a presentation about the *Green Beret Foundation* (GBF) – a 501© 3 foundation that provides financial resources, immediate need supplies, caregiver assistance, and educational scholarships to wounded or ill Army Special Forces warriors and their families. With the nation at war, approximately 130 men have been killed and over 900 injured or wounded in action. The GBF and the SFA are working closely together in support of the Special Forces community.

**Barbara Birchim** made a motion that the profits from the horseshoe tournament be donated to the *Green Beret Foundation*. **Ed Dougherty** seconded the motion and after a brief discussion the motion was passed.

**John Meyer** said his originally published book, *Across the Fence*, has been expanded with additional photos. 25% of the book sales are being donated to the **Green Beret Foundation**. He had books for sale at the meeting.

**Ed Dougherty** has once again volunteered to coordinate the chapter's **Holiday Family Project**. He offered a one-time match of any donation to the project fund. A member quickly donated a \$100.

**Dale Bulick** said he is planning a fishing trip to Alaska and was inviting chapter member(s) to join him.

With all business concluded, **Ed Dougherty** made a motion to adjourn and the motion was seconded by **Robert Tellez**. The meeting ended at 1555 hours.



**Charlie Inot**  
Secretary

## Treasurers Report: AUGUST 2011

### Funds in Bank

Beginning Balance: \$11,457.07  
Receipts: \$147.50  
Disbursements: none  
End Balance + \$0.39 interest: \$11,604.96  
(Checking \$2,434.17 and Money Market \$9,170.79)

### Earmarked Funds

Holiday Family Project: \$1,128.58  
SF Memorial Project \$8,054.25  
**Funds Available:** \$2,422.13

### **ANNUAL SFA DUES (\$30) IS NOW DUE.**

Send all checks payable to  
"SFA Chapter 75" to:  
Chapter Treasurer Joe Hitt  
5672 Dorothy Way  
San Diego, CA 92115-2307



**Joe Hitt**  
Treasurer

## POW/MIA Update:



**MSG Ralph J. Reno**

On 3 July 1966, MSG Reno was assigned to Recon Team (RT) Nevada, MACV-SOG. His team was flying in a South Vietnamese UH34 helicopter to Kontum, when it crashed and burned. Search and Rescue subsequently located the crash site but found no sign of MSG Reno. He was classified KIA/Body Not Recovered.

In August 2000, a JPAC team returned to the site and their efforts recovered human remains. On 5 October 2010, the remains were identified as those of MSG Reno. On 8 September 2011, this warrior was finally laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

*"Welcome Home Brother."*



## NELSON'S QUOTES

*"America is like a healthy body and it's resistance is threefold: Its patriotism, it's morality, and it's spiritual life. If we can undermine these three areas America will collapse from within" - Joseph Stalin*

In 480 BC, the Persian Emperor Xerxes invaded Greece, with 600,000 troops. At Thermopylae, he was confronted by the General-King Leonidas and his 300 Spartans. Xerxes said he would spare their lives if they would lay down their weapons. Leonidas shouted back,

**"Molon Labe!"**

("Come and get them!")

**"Freedom Stems from Valor"** - Motto of the Greek Army

**"Utrinque Paratus** (Ready for Anything)" - Motto of the British Parachute Regiment

**WE WERE ALL  
YOUNG  
ONCE...**



**NO BETTER  
FRIENDS, NO  
WORSE  
ENEMY!**



# “A SPECIAL BREED”

Daved L. Rotner



From little acorns  
grow mighty oaks



Daved working to perfect the  
10th Group steely eyed look

## Personal History

1. DOB/ Age: Feb 1951/60 yrs. Birthplace: Wisconsin 2. Nationality: American 3. Current Occupation: Consultant/Medical/Security 4. College or Trade School: Miramar College - AA Liberal Studies; San Diego State University - BA Liberal Studies; University of Texas San Antonio Health Science Center – Paramedic 5. Hobbies/Interests: Explaining economics to American Citizens so they will stop mortgaging our country 6. Wife: Reyna 7. Children: Chelsea, Ruth, Irania and Daniela 8. Favorite Books: You're Stepping on My Cloak and Dagger – Roger Hall; The Underground Empire: Where Crime and Governments Embrace – James Mills; Personal Memoirs of Ulysses S. Grant 9. Favorite Movie: Galaxy Quest 10. Favorite Actor: John Wayne 11. Favorite Music: Jazz 12. Favorite Food: Steak and Lobster 13. Favorite Drink: Jim Beam 14. Favorite Vacation Spot: Jungle Highlands 15. Future Plans: Spend time with my family 16. Person in History Most Admired: U.S. Grant 17. Personal Quote: “An empty stomach is not a good political advisor” – Albert Einstein

## Military History

1. Military Service: Active Duty 1971-1977, 1992-2011 various USAR and AD assignments 2. ETS: June 2011 3. Highest Rank: E8/MSG 4. Basic Training Facility: Fort Ord, CA 5. Military Training: NCO Academy, Airborne School, SF Qualification Course (Medic), USN Dive School, Combat Swimmer Trng, ANCOC, SF Medical Skills Sustainment, Foreign Weapons Instructor Course 6. MOS Specialties: 91A, 91B, 18D, 18Z, 91B4SW7 7. Languages: Spanish and Arabic 8. Tours of Duty/Missions: Greece, various JCETs, JTFB Honduras, Counter Drug Medical Coordinator, Operation Enduring Freedom Afghanistan, SF IMA 9. Most Memorable Missions: 19<sup>th</sup> SFG(A)'s first UW Hospital Afghanistan 10. Time in SF: 21 yrs. 11. Special Forces Units: 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> 12. Awards and Decorations: Bronze Star Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Army Commendation Medal (3), Army Achievement Medal (3), Good Conduct Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/star, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Ribbon (3) Reserve Overseas Training Ribbon (5), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2), NCO Professional Development Ribbon, SCUBA badge, SF Tab, Parachutist badges for the US, Greece, and Korea 13. Other Military Branches: none 14. Favorite Chute: The last one that worked 15. Favorite Jump Aircraft: CV-2 Caribou 16. Favorite Weapon: CAR-15, Browning 9mm, UZI, XM1 M16/ Grenade Launcher, Mark 19, .50 cal BMG, M60 17. Favorite DZ Experience: The Greeks brought their school to us so we could get qualified in one day. I did 2 stand-up landing with the MC1-1. The second one was feet, knees, head and I went back to PLFs 18. Worst DZ Experience: Night equipment jump into deep snow from a C141. The primary DZ was compromised. By the time we got to the alternate DZ we were worn out putting the heavy loads on taking it off, standing up, and sitting down. Hit the aircraft side several times, leg strap malfunction trapped my left ball and I could not drop my gear. Hit like a sack of shit and thought I was dead. 19. if I had to do it all over again, I...would do it all over again but better and faster.



“Doc” Rotner in his kingdom  
(19th SFG(A) UW Clinic - Afghanistan)



# CHAPTER 75 PICTURES



**Honoring a Fallen SEAL Warrior - PO1 Jesse Pittman**

L to R: Nelson, O'Hara, Trussell, Jeffery, Camus, Striler, Inot, Todd, Bulick, DeSoucy, Owens



**Brent K. Makes a Statement  
(A palace chair somewhere in Iraq)**

**“NO ONE LEFT BEHIND,  
NO MATTER THE BATTLEFIELD”**

The *Veteran's Treatment Review Calendar (VTRC)* is a Superior Court calendar dedicated to veterans who have pled guilty to a variety of charges. The veteran is granted admittance to the calendar when certain conditions have been met. There must be a diagnosis of PTSD or TBI by an acceptable organization and there must be a nexus between that diagnosis and the crime committed. The veteran applicant must plead guilty to the offense and accept responsibility for their actions. The veteran applicant's defense counsel then presents the case for admission to the entire VTRC team at a vetting process called "staffing". The team consists of prosecutors, defense attorneys, psychologists, psychiatrists, VA social workers, probation officers and volunteer mentors. If acceptable to the VTRC team, the veteran's application is then forwarded to the Superior Court Judge, accompanied by an extensive probation/treatment plan. If accepted by the Court, the veteran participant is then enrolled in an intensive 18-month probation. Treatment plans include residential programs, extensive counseling requirements, community service and sobriety monitoring. Successful candidates advance through 3 different rigorous stages of behavior monitoring towards a successful "graduation" from probation. Successful participants may have their charges reduced or dismissed at the discretion of the Superior Court Judge.

The mentors' role is that of counselor, guide and role model. The position is voluntary and unpaid, but extremely important. Mentors must be veterans, and combat experience is a plus. Prospective mentors are also vetted for integrity and ability by the team and the Court and must attend an orientation and a training class. Mentors average 4 hours a week of dedicated time in their role as mentor. For more information about the program contact mentor **Pat Russell** – (619) 200-6797.



**“These Three Need Adult Supervision...”**

L to R: Robert Tellez, Pat Trussell, Tom O'Hara



# CHAPTER 75 PICTURES



**THE STUMP BROTHERS**

“Do you know these two Chapter 75 members?”



**THE REGIMENT'S FIRST LADY**

Chip and Adrian Silva visit Catherine Bank on 10/1/11



**THE YOUNG AND THE BOLD**

L to R: Pat and Linda Trussel and Mike and Susie Cates



**3rd ANNUAL SF HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT**

Dave DeSoucy presents awards to the 1st Place winners





# SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 75



## “Roger Donlon, MoH Chapter”

### NEXT MEETING

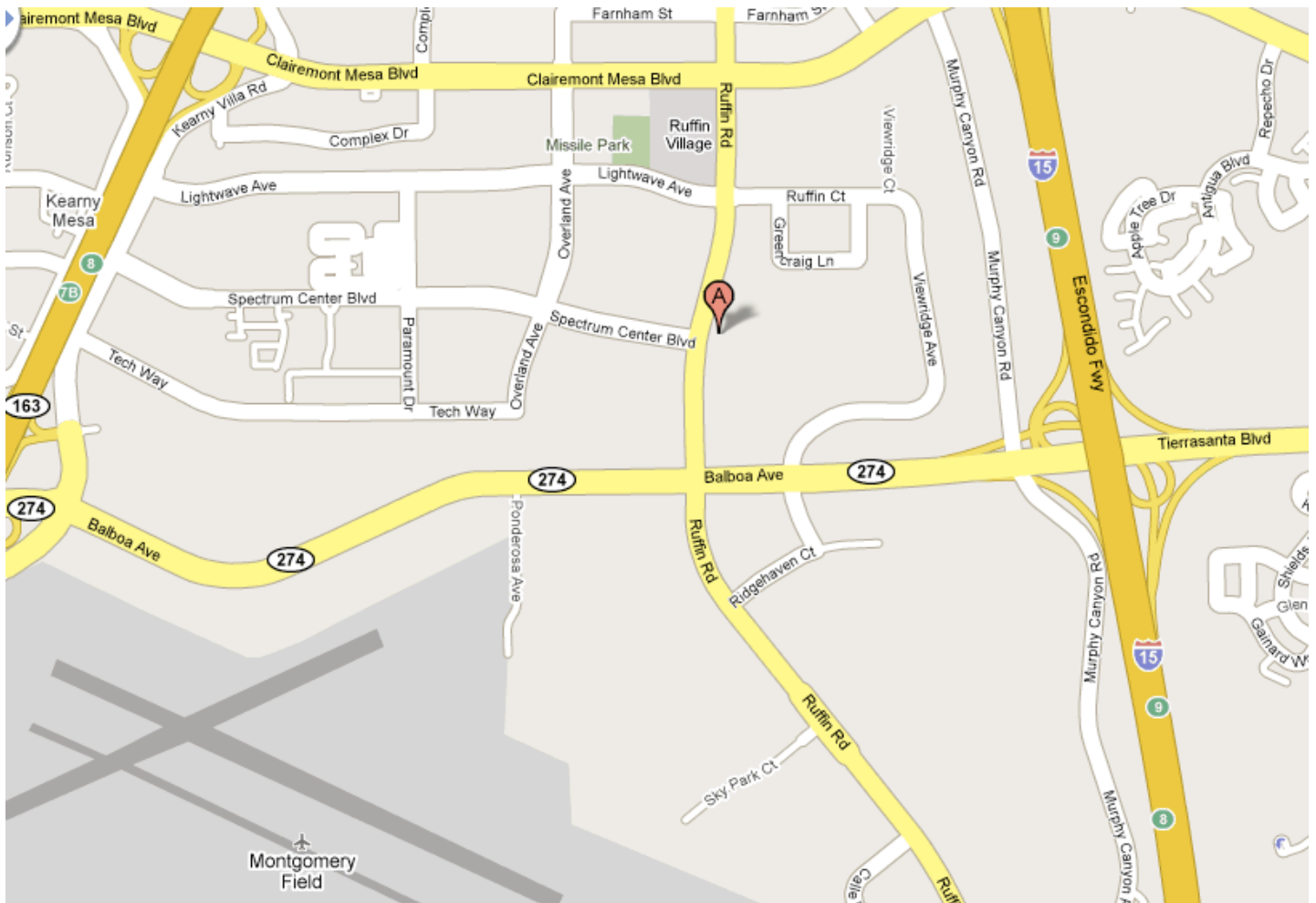
**Date:** Saturday, 5 November 2011

**Time:** 1500-1700 hours

**Place:** *STU SEGALL PRODUCTIONS*

**Strategic Operations Briefing Room - 4705 Ruffin Road, San Diego, CA**

Drive to the main entrance located adjacent and to the left of the *Studio Diner* restaurant. Tell the Security Officer the purpose of your visit and he will direct you to the parking lot for the Strategic Operations Briefing Room.



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