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**Days are like ruck sacks, all the same size.
But some people just get more into them.**

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Paul Callamaras, Walter Rosario, Dennis Cordoni, Larry Jasper, Jack Kennedy, Art Grim, Garry Fink, Jim Miller



Finally, after all these years, the 5th Group will soon be authorized to wear the Vietnam era flash. The notice was sent to everyone with an email address, and is posted here to keep rest of us informed. See page 4 for more details.



What in the world is this strange critter? The last one was seen roaming the earth eons ago. See page # 4 for more details.

2016 Meeting Dates

January 17

February 21

March 20

April 17

May 21, 2016

Saturday

Annual Dinner
(No meeting)

June 19 Meeting

SFA

Conference

June 12 - 19

July 17

August 21

Picnic

September 17

No meeting/

October 16

November 20

December 18

Annual

Christmas

(Luncheon)
(No meeting)

Meeting Agenda

10:00 A.M.

Meeting begins

11:00 A.M.

Lunch Break



ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

On page seven is a copy of our annual financial statement as submitted to the Special Forces Association for the year 2015. Nationals By-laws state that this is a mandatory requirement and any chapter failing to meet this requirement is subject to be disbanded.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS

The Chapter elections are now history and our officers will serve another two-year term. Since no one other than the present group of officers volunteered, they were unopposed: therefore, the results should not be a surprise. If by chance you do not know or remember who these officers are you will find them listed on the left side of page one. All have retained their positions except for Bob Mazur who is now our chapter treasurer. I will act as his assistant. The formal installation will take place during the May Dinner Dance.

Of the one hundred ballots mailed, sixty-six were returned and remained unopened until the January meeting. At that

time they were opened and the votes counted. When your ballot was received it was logged in. We logged every envelope in so that we will know who voted but not how. This procedure is similar to that of your local elections, where you the voter must sign the register before you cast your ballot. We don't have a register and the envelopes return address is our substitute. As we said above the envelopes were opened during the January meeting and separated and then the ballot count began. This was done during a meeting so that there would be a maximum number of witnesses.

COIN # 001

During the September meeting one of the few coins received to that date was presented to me as a token of ap-

Did you know the Army posts at least three news articles for the retired community on the *Army Echoes Blog* each week? These are great articles that would be published in the *Army Echoes newsletter* if there was space. Go to <https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/blog> to read them and subscribe to the blog.



preciation for the work that I have been doing for our organization. Receiving the coin and its accompanying plaque was an extremely pleasant and surprising experience.

In the photo, you can see Vice-president Larry Taylor and our President Paul Callamaras as they presented the plaque to me.

I must say that over the years this is the third such honor that I have received. I am grateful and somewhat humbled to have received them.

Lets take a moment to explain the plaques. The first presentation was from, our then president, Dennis Cordoni. This one was not your ordinary award. It was a nomination for National member of the year. I was a runner up. I think that Dennis must have told them I could walk upon water. The second plaque, was presented by, our current President, Paul Callamaras. All the plaques are all now prominently on display at home. I thank everyone, it is an honor to receive them and they were totally unexpected.

So far I have, with a few exceptions, enjoyed doing what was needed and will continue to do so until one of two things happen. The first is that I am asked to stop or worse yet, I can not longer handle the tasks because old-timers has taken its nasty toll. I did not set out to be the chapter Parming (for those who never met Pritt Parming, that is an inside joke from our days with the 11th SF).



PICNIC DATE CHANGE

During the November meeting, we agreed to changing the picnic date from mid august to September. The consensus was that the September date would interfere less with vacations and holidays.

CHARISMAS PARTY

During the Christmas party the room was filled to near capacity. For your viewing pleasure we have some photos scattered among these pages. Information as to how we made out financially will not be determined until the end of January. By then everyone will have either paid at the party or mailed his check to Bob Mazur, our treasurer.



MEMBERSHIP 2016



Are your SFA dues renewed annually? Did you renew yours for the year 2016? The dues money collected has been forwarded to National and you should receive your membership card by mid February. Let us know if you did not receive your membership card for the year 2016.

5TH SFGA TO CONDUCT BERET FLASH CHANGE OVER CEREMONY

A ceremony will be held at Gabriel Field, Fort Campbell, Kentucky at 1400 on the 23rd of March 2016, the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) will revert to the RVN Flash. Finally, after all these years, the Vietnam era flash is now an authorized item of the uniform.

Check our web site for more complete information for the Chapter 38 has planned for the days activities.

A WOOLY MAMMOTH IS ALIVE AND WELL IN ALSTEAD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

On page one we have a photo of a work of art located in Alstead, New Hampshire. If you happen to be in Alstead, traveling north on HWY 123 at the intersection with HWY123A, you will see this prehistoric beast standing just across the street from Bob Taylor's shop. We have learned from the local Alstead, PBS TV station that Bob has many such works of art scattered around town. We are told that they are land marks. Of all the statuary, this is the only one that we could capture with the Google Earth street version.

Good job Bob.

JIM MILLER

When we reformed this chapter we changed the name to honor both Ed Muller and Jim Miller. We do have a problem and need your help. We need some biographical information on both Ed Muller and Jim Miller on our web site. Unfortunately, the information that is posted for Ed Muller is drawn from memory and not backed up with facts. Also, except for a two photos, we have nothing to show for Jim. So please, if you have anything on Jim, or more complete information on Ed we ask, nay we beg, that you send what you have to us. So, dig into your memory banks, albums, or whatever and send any information you have to us at my address listed on page one.



JOE MC MILLAN'S

75TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PARTY



Joe Mc Millan's Birthday, starting upper left: (Left to Right) Bob Panza, Brandon O'Connor, Joe Mc Millan, Paul Callamaras (bottom left): (L to R) SGM Pete DeVries, Joe, Brendan, lower left: Joe with Grandson Ryan, lower right: (L to R) Charles Wysocki, Joe, Paul Callamaras.

Recently, Keith Mc Millan held a birthday party for his father Joe in Kearney, New Jersey. Among the guests were Pete DeVries, Bryan O'Connor and Paul Callamaras.

This was the last public appearance of Pete DeVries who passed away within two months. His obit is listed below. There was one memorable moment when Pete got up to sing blood upon the risers. Seeing that film clip made me regret that I was not able to attend.

Joe, we were unable to attend but none the less we do wish you a happy birthday.

CROSSED ARROWS RANCH

After 30 years, four veterans reunited at Crossed Arrows Ranch in Santa Fe, NM. Chapter 19 members from L/R Tim Baranyay, Pete Aparin, Garth Von-Homan and Rick Iannucci owner of the ranch. The men served together in C Company 1st Bn 11th Special Forces Group ODA 132 at Ft. Dix, N.J.

Rick Iannucci is the director of "Horses for Heroes, Cowboy Up". The program is free to active duty or discharged OIF/OEF veteran, wounded veteran or veteran suffering with PTSD. This unique program is hands on which takes you from basic grooming to more complex horsemanship skills by using the team training concept. After several hours of hands on, all three veterans who had little to no exposure with horses developed self confidence to

Tim Baranyay, Pete Aparin, Garth Von Homann, Rick Iannucci

move freely and comfortably around horses in one day. This program and Rick Iannucci was a feature article in the SFA Drop magazine. All three members of Chapter 19 agreed that this is a worthwhile program for veterans and recommend that Veteran Service Organizations

TAPS

Jaime-Lynn Elizabeth-Anne Taylor-Danner

Larry Taylor's daughter, Jaime-Lynn Elizabeth-Anne Taylor-Danner passed away on August 24, 2015 after a long battle with ovarian cancer.





Pete De Vries is congratulated as he received the Medal from French General Kelche.

Pete, a veteran of WW2 and Korea, passed away on January 6, 2016, one month short of his 90th birthday. Chapter 19 was represented at his wake on Sunday in Wallington, New Jersey and the burial on Monday morning in nearby Lodi, New Jersey.

during WW2 Pete served in the 2nd Ranger BN and the 82nd Airborne Division. It was during his time with the 82nd that he made two combat jumps, Normandy and Holland. He was also attached to the Canadian and British Airborne. He later served in Korea with the Rangers, then went on to serve with 101st Airborne and Special Forces.

Unfortunately, we are unable to show the full list of the medals and ribbons that Pete earned. What is shown here doesn't even begin to scratch the surface.



His chapter 19 activities slowed down in the recent years due to lack of transportation. Pete was a life member and our oldest surviving WW2 veteran. He joined our chapter member in the mid 1970s and maintained his membership and kept in contact until his death.

His obituary provides some details about his life and military career. He died on Wednesday, January 6th, 2016 and was preceded in death by wife Helen (Nee Zarkrawski) and son Michael Thomas. Peter was born and lived Wallington where he lived most of his life. .

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Over the years letters and cards have been returned by the Post Office marked as undeliverable. Because of this we will change the roster to show that person

“grayed out,” with the address removed and replaced by the words in white.

CAN NOT DELIVER AS ADDRESSED
This month the items below are items returned and marked as undeliverable.
Ordway, Steve moved to Tennessee, no forwarding address 11/5/15
Sabatini, John cannot deliver as addressed 8/10/2015
Morgan, Karl cannot deliver as addressed 1/25/2015
Mahoney, John Cannot deliver as addressed 11/20/2015
Laverty, Charles cannot deliver as addressed 12/7/2015
Hubble, Nicholas cannot deliver as addressed 8/17/15

SFA CHAPTER 19 - ANNUAL STATEMENT

Submitted: 01/30/2016

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Income **\$9,286.87**

Expenses **\$9,923.94**

Net Income **-\$637.07**

Cash in Bank (checking account) \$3,820.48

Savings N/A

CD's N/A

Other Investments N/A

Property & Land N/A

Furniture & Equipment N/A

Accounts Payable N/A

Income:

Membership Dues \$1115.00

Fund Raising, Special Event, Party/Diner \$2,395.00

Fund Raising, Special Event, Picnic \$1,040.00

Fund Raising, Special Event, Christmas Party \$700.00

Fund Raising, Special Event, Calendars .00

Fund Raising, Special Event, Coins \$3,772.87

Grants .00

Rebate from SFA 264.00

Interest .00

Transfers .00

Total Income **\$9,286.87**

Expenses:

Bank Charges .00

Printing/Postage/Stationary \$553.91

Special Event Costs, Party/Diner \$2,434.73

Special Event Costs, Picnic \$1,116.00

Special Event Costs, Christmas Party \$1,373.38

Special Event Costs, Meetings \$163.10

Special Event Costs, Convention .00

Special Event Costs, Funerals \$615.50

Special Event Costs, Calendars \$563.49

Special Event Costs, Coins \$2,121.61

Dues Paid to SFA \$466.00

Liability Insurance \$504.22

Supplies .00

Grants .00

Telephone .00

Occupancy .00

Rebates/Refunds/Transfers .00

Contributions .00

Donations .00

Web Site Maintenance \$12.00

Total Expenses **\$9,923.94**

Net Income **-\$637.07**