



The Apex

The Ed Muller & Jim Miller Memorial

Chapter XIX

The Special Forces Association



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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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CA. 1959: team getting ready for a trip to North Africa. Left to right Chuck Laverty, Andy Orlov, Priit Parming, UNK, Jim Kilcullen. TAPS has more information on Chuck and Andy.



Jim Glover's final ceremony.

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

TREASURERS REPORT

TD Bank America's Most Convenient Bank®		E	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION		Page:	1 of 3
Business Convenience Checking		Statement Period:	Mar 01 2016-Mar 31 2016
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION		Account #	
ACCOUNT SUMMARY			
Statement Balance as of 03/01			3,803.18
Plus	4 Deposits and Other Credits		387.96
Less	3 Checks and Other Debits		214.56
Statement Balance as of 03/31			3,976.58
ACCOUNT ACTIVITY			
Transactions by Date			
DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
3/2	DEPOSIT		247.88
3/2	DEPOSIT		22.54
3/7	DEPOSIT		22.54
3/22	Check #328	14.56	
3/28	DEPOSIT		95.00
3/30	Check #326	100.00	
3/31	Check #330	100.00	
Checks Paid			
DATE	No. Checks: 3 SERIAL NO.	AMOUNT	DATE
3/30	326	100.00	3/31
3/22	328*	14.56	330*

(31 March, 2016, Ending Balance)
Account Status:

Copies of the full report are available upon request.



Pete Aparin, Tim Baranyay, and Harry Adams in front of the chapel at the B. G. Doyle Cemetery during ceremonies for Jim Glover.

**THE 2016 NATIONAL ELECTIONS
AND
THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION**

What you see here may on the surface seem ridiculous but unfortunately what we do and say can and will affect our association's TAX EXEMPTION status. The Special

Forces Associations Head Quarters reminds us that our actions as members of this organization can have a negative effect upon our tax exempt status. We are encouraged to support the party, candidate or cause of our choice, but when we do so that we should do it as private citizens and not as representatives of the Special Forces Association. The by-laws of the Special Forces Association and Chapter 19, specifically state that our tax exempt status forbids actions that support any political candidate, party or cause while wearing anything that identifies us as members of the Special Forces Association.

The problem is that if you do what we ask you not to do that your actions can and will affect our TAX EXEMPTION status as a Fraternal Organization. The IRS is always looking for organizations like ours to punish for partisan politics, which is forbidden under Federal Law. So, take heed.

OUR ANNUAL DINNER PARTY

As of today the responses for the party are as usual, slow to come in. We go through this every year and toward the last two weeks prior to the affair, the RSVPs start to roll in. We anticipate that this year will not be any different. If you plan to attend we ask that you notify our treasurer Bob Mazur by May 18. We need this information so that Woody's can be prepared for our arrival on Saturday, the 21st of May.

The evenings activities begin at 1800 hours for cocktails to be followed by the dinner at 1900 hours. The cost is \$65.00 per person, please mail your check so that we have it by May 18, and make it payable to:

SFA Chapter 19

And mail to:

Robert Mazur

P.O. Box 1476

Toms River, NJ 08754

We may not be able to accommodate walk in diners after the May cut off date.

if by chance our letter on this subject has been lost or put aside and forgotten where it was placed we suggest that you go to our WEBSITE sfa19.org where all of the details for the evening are listed under the **EVENTS** tab.

MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

You should have received two books of tickets by now, If you did not receive yours's or want more then please contact the SFA at PO Box41436, Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436.

Your purchase of those tickets is important to us. Just in case you forgot, our chapter treasury receives one half of all the money invested by our members. Of course you must write chapter 19 on the ticket stub. As always, the drawing will be held during the June convention.

The purpose for this raffle is for the maintenance of the Grounds and Buildings at the SFA HQ. An accounting of the funds taken in will be listed in the Summer edition of the DROP.

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS



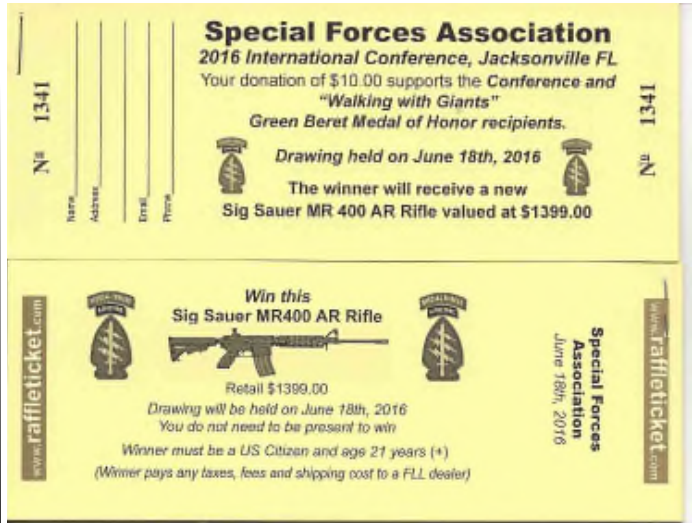
Just in case you missed it, an election ballot has been inserted between page 34 and 35 of the Spring 2016 issue of the DROP. Please look it over and cast your vote. Even though this is an uncontested election, your approval is still needed. You can cast your vote in one of two ways. The first of which is to mail the insert directly to National or, you can place your ballot into an envelope and mail it. If you place the ballot into an envelope you must address the envelope in the same was that the card is addressed. To do otherwise may void the ballot when it arrives in Fayetteville or it could get lost in the mail room at headquarters. I personally prefer to use an envelope. For a copy of the ballot see page 6.

CHAPTER 88 FUND RAISER

**FOR THE 2016 SFA CONFERENCE
Win a Sig Sauer MR400 AR Rifle**

While chapter 88 is preparing for the 2016 Conference, Jacksonville, FL, they have started a fund raiser to enable them to invite Medal of Honor recipients to the conference. The amount of money required to do this must

be a humongous. A copy of the fund raiser flyer on page 7. Due to our lack of knowledge about what may or may not be legal in your area, we suggest that you check it out with you local authorities. Wouldn't be so simple to have just one set of rules for all fifty states?



Tickets are available via:

ATTN: Director of Fundraising
SFA 2016 Conference
PO Box 7452
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32238-0452

PROTOCOLS FOR CHAPTER FUNCTIONS

For these past several months, our secretary, Lou Hernandez has suggested some ideas that, if implemented, could help us carry out some chapter functions such as, funerals, obituaries, and welcome packets for new members. What should we as a group do when any one of the above events occur? Think about it, in military parlance this called an SOP.

WELCOME PACKET

- We need a welcome packet. We have not had one since we reformed in 1996. If we do have a welcome packet, then the question is what should the contents of that packet be? The Welcome packet has been defined as:
- Letter from the President
- Chapter B-Laws
- Chapter Roster
- Tour of the Chapter Website.
- We would welcome additional suggestions

FUNERAL PROTOCOL

Here again is another item or SOP that we presently

do not have. The death of anyone is always stressful and our protocol could lighten some of the load on the survivors. The Family will be busy with the final arrangements for the loved one, and that is a lot to contend with. Perhaps a protocol for our organization could provide guidance as to what we should do and even more important, who should do it.

OBITUARIES

An obituary written in advance, would reduce the burden of the survivors. We have written about this in the recent past but the response was a resounding **thud**. Think about your Obituary. Wouldn't you rather have information written about you that reflects you and your past, rather than have a family member who is under stress do it and omit some critical details or provide incorrect information. An obit written in advance would make things a lot easier for all.

An obituary is, for most, something that we never give a thought to. We have had four funerals during this past year or more and it is always a time when there is a last minute struggle to put one together. If we are prepared, this could all be avoided. Almost everyone has the attitude as taken from a Woody Allen movie from several years back that said:

"I know that I am going to die someday, but just don't want to be there when it happens."

One suggestion is that the Chapter either wait for the obit from the family or assist them in writing it. And If it is the latter choice then we should have permission to correct any errors. The chapter should not have the sole responsibility of creating an obituary unless,.

SPECIAL FORCES SAFE HOUSE BANGKOK, THAILAND.

While putting the previous edition of the APEX we had



Mike Taylor, center, Rich Hahne and his wife in front. This is another view of the Safe-House.



This is a view inside the Safe-House. Standing behind the bar is the keeper of the keys, Mike Taylor (Center) and Rich Hahne.

originally set up something about the SF Safe House in Bangkok, Thailand: but, for some reason it became lost in the digital dust inside my computer. What we have here are photos sent by Mike Taylor, who recently transferred to chapter 6.

Mike Taylor shared his recent visit to the Special Forces Safe-House in Bangkok, Thailand. The Safe-House is an oasis for SFA members in between grid coordinates in that part of the world. Since Mike will be in that end of the world more than he will be in North Jersey, he transferred to Chapter 6. He was one of two members who did transfer memberships, they are Mike of course and Rich Hahne. We wish them well. Mike has made Thailand his home while Rich now has a new home in Vietnam.

Incidentally, if you look at page 54 of the Winter 2015 issue of the DROP you will see more details

TAPS

CHUCK LAVERTY

Chuck passed away in October, 2015.

Born in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, he immigrated to the United States as a young man. He served in the Army During the Korean War and later joined the 11th SFG Army Reserves in the late 1950s. His civilian education was as an English Major at Fordham University. His first job was on the financial desk of the old New York Journal-American newspaper. Although Chuck was not a car guy, he did later shift his journalistic efforts to automotive industry publications. He then singlehandedly published, for 17 years, an industry periodical "Automotive Weekly," which he sold just prior to his retirement. His biographer

called “Chuck a hard shelled and as cantankerous a person as you’d ever meet.” His military career spanned many years in the 11th Special Forces Group where he rose to the rank of Group Sergeant Major. He retired from the military in the early 1970s.



Chuck was predeceased by his son Conor who died in 2011 and is survived by his children, Brian of Yakima, Washington, Maureen Laverty of Highland, NY and Maeve Hajek of Hewitt; he had two grandchildren and his former wife Mary.

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ANDREW ORLOV

November 9, 1932 – March 10, 2016

Andrew was born in Warsaw, Poland on November 9, 1932, and recently resided in Washingtonville, NY where he died of heart Failure at the age of 83. During WW2 Andy and his family were taken by the Germans to a labor camp. After the liberation of Europe the family immigrated to the United States. He enlisted in the Army and served as a medic and earned a Bronze Star during the Korean War. After the War he became a civil engineer and worked in various projects around the tristate area. At that time he joined the Army Reserves and then became a member of the 11th SFG(ABN). He attended Jump School in the



same class as: Ed Muller, Priit Parming, Chuck Laverty and Phil Oliveri. Andy retired from the reserves as a Master Sergeant in the mid-1980s.

JAMES EDWARD GLOVER

Jim Passed away on March 22, 2016

He was born April 5, 1947 in Williston, SC. He moved to Jersey City when he was 3 years old. He attended the Jersey City school system and graduated from Lincoln High School. He then served in the United States Army Special Forces 46 Company in Thailand and then went on to serve in the United States Air Force Reserves where he retired as a Master Sargeant. While serving in Thailand during the Vietnam War, he met and married his beloved wife Boonsong. James was employed at General Electric, Exxon Mobile Company, Pitney Bowes Company and Liberty Mutual until his retirement in 2013. After his retirement he worked as a Telecommunication Technician. James leaves to cherish his memory, devoted and loving wife Boonsong Glover of 46 years, one daughter, Sirilak; two brothers, Larry and David; sisters, Michelle, Georgette, Paula, Pamela, Patricia, Joyce and Darlene. Also by a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, and a whole host of loving cousins.



Jim and Boonsong Glover.

Members of the Special Forces Association:

It is time to select new officers to represent us at National Headquarters. Nominations are closed and the following names have been placed on the ballot IAW Article VIII of the Special Forces Constitution.

If the person is running unopposed, you may vote YES to elect him or NO to not elect him. If a candidate running unopposed receives more NO votes than YES votes, the position will remain vacant and the incoming President will appoint a person to that position with the approval of the remaining Association officers.

Please fill out this ballot, place a stamp on it and drop it in the mail. There is no need for an envelope.

President:	Gary Koenitzer	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
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Vice President:	John Dixon	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
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Director of External Comm:	Nick Panarella	<input type="radio"/> YES	<input type="radio"/> NO
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The information below is required for ballot to be counted

Make sure you fill in the VOTE circle entirely; e.g. ●

NAME: _____ CHECK IF DEPLOYED OR OUT OF COUNTRY: _____

MEMBER NUMBER: _____ CHAPTER NUMBER/MEMBER at LARGE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Ballots must be received NO LATER THAN 31 May 2016!



OFFICIAL BALLOT
2016 NATIONAL BOARD OF OFFICERS
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

Please place
stamp here

SFA ATTN: TELLER COMMITTEE
PO Box 41436
Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436

This is the official SFA ballot, above all, please vote.

Of course you will require aa stamp and an envelope and make sure that the ballot is addressed as shown above.

Includes Sig Sight and 1000 rounds Approximate value \$2,400 Raffle ticket are \$10.00 –ticket quantities limited



SIGM400 SWAT

SIG M400 CLASSIC/SWAT SPECIFICATIONS

Model	Classic	SWAT
Caliber	5.56 X 45mm NATO	
Mode of Operation	Semi-Auto Direct Impingement Gas Operated w/Locking Bolt	
Weight W/O Magazine	7.0 lbs	7.3 lbs
Length	32.3 in - 35.6 in	
Barrel Length	16 in	
Rifling	1 in 7 in	
Magazine Type	30 Round AR-15 Type Aluminum	
Barrel	Nitride Treated Barrel	
Additional Features	Quick-Detachable Ambi-Sling Mounts, "F" Marked Front Flip-Up Rear	
Item Number(s)	RM400-16B-C	RM400-16B-S

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Must be over 21 years old and US citizen**

Operation Green Beret Hero



"Operation Green Beret Hero" is the mission to bring each living Green Beret Medal of Honor recipient to the 2016 SFA International Conference in Jacksonville, Florida, June 12-19.

To make sure each Green Beret Medal of Honor recipient, and his wife, is able to attend the 2016 Conference, we will fund all travel, lodging, conference, and other expenses.

If you want to help bring these great Americans to the 2016 Conference, where they will be honored and recognized for the great sacrifices they made for their fellow soldiers and for their country.

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