



# The Apex

## The Ed Muller & Jim Miller Memorial

### Chapter XIX

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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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### PAST PRESIDENTS

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



**Saturday, 17 September 2016**

**Rosario Household**

**66 Meadow Road, Edison, NJ 08817**

1300 – 1700 hours (1 PM – 5 PM for you non-military types)

\$25.00 per person

(a portion will be dedicated to memorials & flower fund)

**RSVP** no later than 07 September 2016, with payment (checks made out to: SFA Chapter 19, in memo box put 2016 picnic) sent to:

R. Mazur

SFA Chapter 19 Treasurer

P O Box 1476

Toms River, NJ 08754

Food, dessert, water, coffee & tea provided. Please feel free to bring a cooler with your favorite alcoholic beverage

### 2016 Meeting Dates

January 17

February 21

March 20

April 17

**May 21, 2016**

SFA

Conference

June 12 - 19

June 19 (/cancelled)

July 10  
New meeting

July 16  
Range Day  
Fort Dix

**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.



This is the TD Bank statement for the month of June 16., 2016

<b>TD Bank</b> America's Most Convenient Bank®	E	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION	Page: 1 of 2	Statement Period: Jun 01 2016-Jun 30 2016
	Cust Ref #:	Primary Account #:
<b>Business Convenience Checking</b> SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION	Account #:	#:
<b>ACCOUNT SUMMARY</b>		
Statement Balance as of 06/01		4,240.29
Plus 0 Deposits and Other Credits		0.00
Less 0 Checks and Other Debits		0.00
Statement Balance as of 06/30		4,240.29
<b>DAILY ACCOUNT ACTIVITY</b>		

**EDITORS NOTES**

Our chapter has been very busy these past several months:

**First**, was our annual party  
**Second**, then SFA national convention/conference,  
**Third**, we held something we have not done in years.

Range Day (a blast from the past),

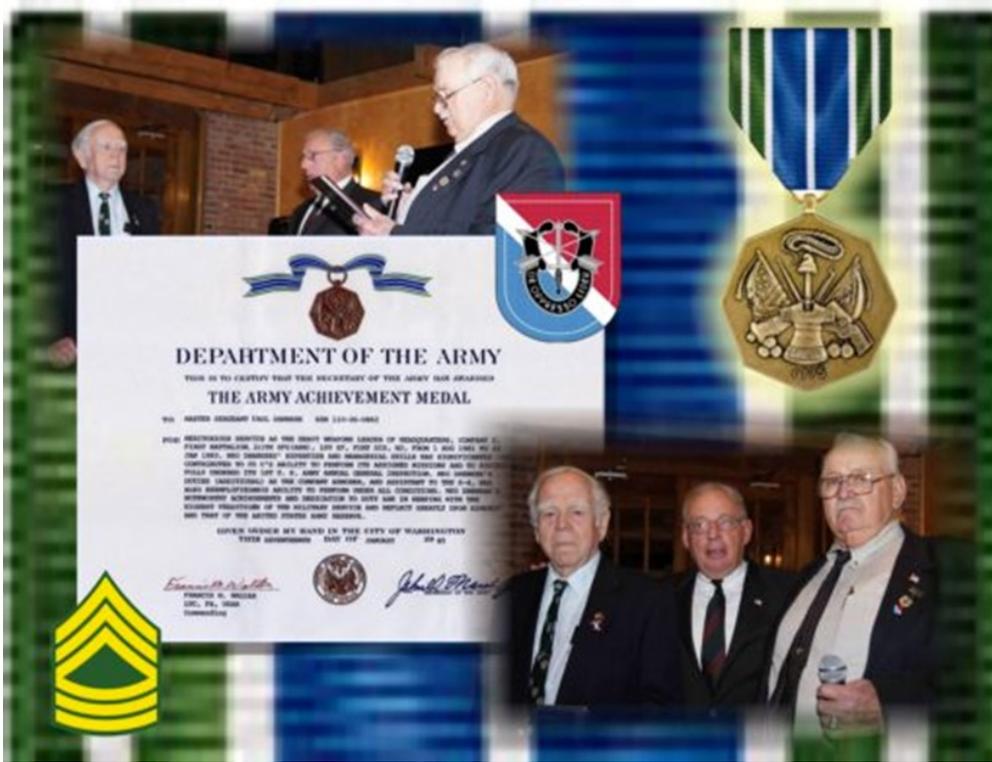
**Fourth**, our secretary, Lou Hernandez, has worked up some suggested standard operating procedures, called the **FUNERAL PROTOCOL**.

The loss of both Jim Glover and then Andy Orlov made a protocol oblivious to us. Unfortunately, while all this was going on I was on hiatus, and it really felt good to just sit back and do absolutely nothing.

**WEST POINT**

This year West Point was a NO-GO for us despite the efforts of our POC, Al Smith. He was informed by the 5th Group, that chapter 19 would be out of the loop this year.





Paul Drensek was presented an Army Achievement Medal during the dinner. It was presented to Paul by our chapter Acting President and Master of Ceremonies Larry Taylor and B.G. William Marshal.



**ANNUAL PARTY**

This year again, the party was a success. I personally was not able to attend, I attended a family wedding: therefore, I cannot report or comment on the evenings events. There are a dozen or more photos scattered among these pages. Enjoy.



**RANGE DAY**

16 July was Range Day. Yes, it has been several years since our last meeting at the Fort Dix, Range 14. Range day was made possible through the work and coordination between Tony Yackowski, Doc Wilson and Lou Hernandez.



#### CHAPTER COINS

All of the requested coins have been ordered and shipped except for six. The reason for the unshipped coins is that we contacted everyone but



never received a response. In that notice we advised everyone that prior to shipment we must have a check to cover the costs of the coins plus postage. If by chance you did order coins and have not as yet receive them, then please contact Bob Mazur our treasurer at either 732 330 9441 or via email at [kcr75@aol.com](mailto:kcr75@aol.com).



### **PICNIC**

This year we decided to change the picnic to a day in September. We did that because August is usually a busy month with holidays, vacations and week end traffic. We listed the picnic information on page one where no one would miss it.



fairs unit. Our participation provided roll-player support that enabled us to provide advise based on our SF training and experience and thus maximize the training for the CIVIL-AFFAIRS troops. The seven-day field operation included: airborne & airmobile operations, intelligence gathering, CIVIL-AFFAIRS and PSYOPS. We now have an alternative to West Point. Possibly, if our participation at the point is no-longer viable, then CIVIL-AFFAIRS will certainly keep us busy.

### **BLAST CUP**

You may have noticed that at just about every function the Blast Cup has been on display. The cup is now fifty years old and in need of repairs. Bill O'Brien took on the challenge and has returned the cup on its new condition. A photo of the finished cup is on page seven.



### **FINAL REQUESTS FORM**

Attached you will find a three page form called the FINAL REQUESTS. With this form filled out properly and returned to the chapter secretary, we will be able to provide a correct and accurate obituary for the Apex and the Drop.

Unfortunately we do not have an expiration date.



We ask that you take the time to read the form, answer the questions and complete the form as much as possible and return it to our chapter secretary. His address is on page three of the form. When you complete the form, as much as possible, you will be doing a service to yourself, your relatives/survivors and this chapter. When someone passes away, the survivors are stressed to the maximum and when you complete the form you make that terrible event a little less horrific. The last thing that your family/friends need is to run around and put together these arrangements. Without your input, there is bound to be either incorrect or missing information. Writing your own obituary will ensure accuracy and completeness. This is especially true for military information that your family may know nothing about.

### **OPERATION GRIDIRON**

Operation GridIron is new to us and was made possible to us through chapter member Myles Cappiello who is now assigned to a Civil Af-



This is our crew that participated in Operation Gridiron. Do you recognize anyone?



The refurbished blast cup.







