



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



SFA Head Quarters buildings and grounds were flooded by 3 1/2 feet of water during Hurricane Matthew on 11 October 2016. Everything, the buildings and equipment, was flooded out and it will be long process for recovery.

**Dennis Robbins and Martha Raye**

This photo was received several months ago, and we never got around to entering it into the apex. Just in case you forgot Maggie, if she were alive today, would have celebrated her 100th birthday.



Our own Dennis had this taken in 1968 at Plateau GI. "She was tired as can be, because she had visited a lot of "A Teams" that day."

### 2017 Meeting Dates

20 May  
Spring Dinner  
Dance

June 4  
*New Meeting Date*

SFA  
Conference  
June 12 - 17

Operation  
Grid Iron  
June 23 - 30

July 16

Appalachian  
trail walk  
August 14—21

August 20  
September 17  
October 15

December 17  
Annual  
Christmas  
(Luncheon)  
(no meeting)

**November 19**  
January 21, 2018  
February 18, 2018  
Meeting Agenda  
10:00 A.M.  
Meeting begins  
11:00 A.M.

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

**Business Convenience Checking**  
SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

Account #

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**ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

Statement Balance as of 02/01	4,567.13
Plus 2 Deposits and Other Credits	380.00
Less 1 Checks and Other Debits	90.00
<b>Statement Balance as of 02/28</b>	<b>4,877.13</b>

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**ACCOUNT ACTIVITY**

**Transactions by Date**

DATE	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE
2/8	DEPOSIT		180.00	4,767.13
2/10	Check #362	90.00		4,677.13
2/22	DEPOSIT		200.00	4,877.13

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**Checks Paid**    No. Checks: 1    \*Indicates break in serial sequence or check processed electronically and listed under Electronic Payments

DATE	SERIAL	AMOUNT
2/10	362	90.00

This is the T-D Bank statement for the month ending February 28, 2017.

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**THE FLOOD OF THE SFA HQ BUILDING.**

From Cliff Newman, Executive Director  
 The photo on page one shows some of the damage caused by the flood in the Fayetteville area at National's Head Quarters Building and grounds. Below is a report National that almost all of the work has been completed and now, except for a for glitches, getting back to normal.

This status report was received via email and we pass it on for your information:  
*It has been five months since the flood hit the SFA National Head Quarters building and at long last they can say that the HQ building at the Memorial Grounds are at last open (somewhat). There are still a few glitches to work through, mainly dealing with the local phone company, but we'll get it all straightened out. All I have to do is figure out the new phone system. I've been lost since they did away with dial phones. To say the last 5 1/2 months have not been easy would be an understatement. Without the generosity of the Green Beret Foundation, many Chapters and members, we would probably be out of business. We are going to make every effort to thank all the donors individually, but that may take a while. You know who you are and we are profoundly grateful. Look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Conference in June.*

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# 2017 SPRING DINNER



The party will be held on Saturday, 20 May at:

Woody's Roadside Tavern  
 105 Academy Street  
 Farmingdale, New Jersey 07727

The evening will start at 6PM (1800, for the military types) for A cocktail hour that will include hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar is available for your favorite libation.

Dinner (will begin at 7PM)

It will begin with a garden salad with Ranch or Balsamic Dressing and bread and butter.  
 You may select for your entree one of four choices listed below:

- Eggplant Parmesan with Linguine (for the Vegetarian and vegan)
- Broiled Grouper with Rice and Vegetable
- Chicken Franchise with Rice and Vegetable
- Steak Marsala with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable

There will be assorted Pastry Platters for each table with Coffee Service and Soft Drinks included  
 The cost is \$65.00 per person, please make your check payable to and mailed to;  
 SFA Chapter 19

Robert Mazur  
 P.O. Box 1476  
 Toms River, NJ 08754

Also, please designate your dinner selections with your check which we must receive before May 10. We need this information so that Woody's can be prepared.

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## CHAPTER COIN

We shipped all of the coins as ordered, except for seven. If your name is listed below our records indicate that you ordered coins, but you have not redeemed them. Please contact Bob Mazur if your name is listed below so that we can close on this item.

Larry Jasper (1 coin)  
John Wolf (3 Coins)  
John Murphy (2 coins)

You may contact Bob's at:  
Cell 732-330-9441 Or Email kcr75@aol.com

## OPERATION GRID IRON

404 Civil affairs Battalion an Airborne that conducts field operations in the Fort Dix Ares. Is looking for individuals who will act roll players to assist them to carry out their mission and help them make the training as realistic as possible. If you are not familiar with the organization, it might help you to know that a fellow Chapter 19 member is the Battalion S-3 Sargent.

The current exercise will be run on 23 June and end on 30 June. For more details, check with out chapter POC Bob Mazur.

The 404 is looking for SFA Chapter members to participate as role players to include acting in either friendly or hostile capacity.

Bob Mazur may be contacted at either:  
Phone 732 330 9440  
Email kcr75@aol.com

## MARY-ELLEN HERNANDEZ

If you have not been paying attention to your emails, for these past several months. you may not be aware the our chapter secretary Lou Hernandez, has been busier than the proverbial one armed paper hanger. His wife Mary-Ellen suffered a stroke and was taken to the Hackensack hospital where she remained for several weeks.

She was later transferred to a facility in Saddle Brook for therapy. During the time that Mary-Ellen's Was in the hospital and therapy, Lou was kept busy traveling between his home in Mahwah, Hackensack and Saddle Brook and he also kept Chapter 19 humming like a well oiled machine by keeping us informed of her status via daily email reports, continued to perform his duties as secretary and WEB master. That is more than commendable.

Mary-Ellen is now at home and on the mend: however, the therapy continues on its slow course. Good luck Mary-Ellen!

Chapter XIX members at the 404th Civil Affairs Bn (Airborne) Ball.



All are former C 1/11th SFG(A).  
SGM ( R ) O'Conner was the guest speaker.  
February 2017

## MY EMAIL ADDRESS HAS CHANGED

Please note that we have a new email address. It is Billke2u0@outlook.com. AOL and Gmail have been relegated to the round file cabinet. We have switched to OUTLOOK.COM. So, mail sent to any other address other than @OUTLOOK.COM will go UNANSWERED.

## HORSES FOR HERO'S

We have a new chapter member, Rick Ianucci, who served with C 1/11. Rick now has a Dude Ranch and was formerly a member of the New Mexico Chapter. The Dude Ranch is for Veterans with PTSD and is run under the title "Horses For Hero's." Welcome aboard Rick!

While perusing a news magazine, we found this bit of information, that is related to Rick's work, and we pass it along to you for your information..

*Among the most-studied therapy animals, horses have been involved in medical treatment plans in Europe since the 1860s. Activities like grooming a horse and leading one around a pen have been shown to reduce PTSD symptoms in children and adolescents.*

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Our membership figures are: 86 Paid Members, that breaks down into 31 Annual Members with 55 Life Members. Ten members failed to renew and their memberships have lapsed.



Chapter Meeting 20 NOV 16.

**Final Requests Form**

Do you remember receiving a copy of our Final Requests form that was attached to the last issue of the ~~Apex~~ Apex? If not, additional copies are available upon request.

Perhaps, you should think of the form not as an obituary but a resume.

Copies of the form were sent to all chapter 19 members as a part of the Summer 2016 Apex Think of the form as your resume and by filling out the form, you will ease the burden on your survivors, who will be grateful to you for having taken some of the load off them during tremendously stressful time.

Keep this thought in mind that it is a sure bet that your relatives haven't the foggiest idea as to what you did during your time with the military and because of that anything that they could put together would most likely either be accurate or not do justice to you and worse yet or it could be totally incomplete.

**EDITOR'S NOTES**

It has been eight months since we published an issue of the Apex and for that we apologize. Our reason or alibi, if you prefer, was that we needed cataract surgery and not new glasses. Both eyes are now working as they and it is taking some getting accustomed to a new view of the world.

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**APPALACHIAN TRAIL WALK**

See page 6 for more details on the Appalachian Trail walk. chapter 19 will participate in this effort along with other SFA Chapters along the Appalachian Trail. Our effort involves a walking distance of 68 miles. Our portion of the trail will begin in the vicinity of Greenwood Lake and continue on for the sixty eight mile distance to the Delaware river. In addition to hikers, support personnel are needed to cover the rendezvous points. If you are interested then contact Bob Mazur via the information listed on page 6.

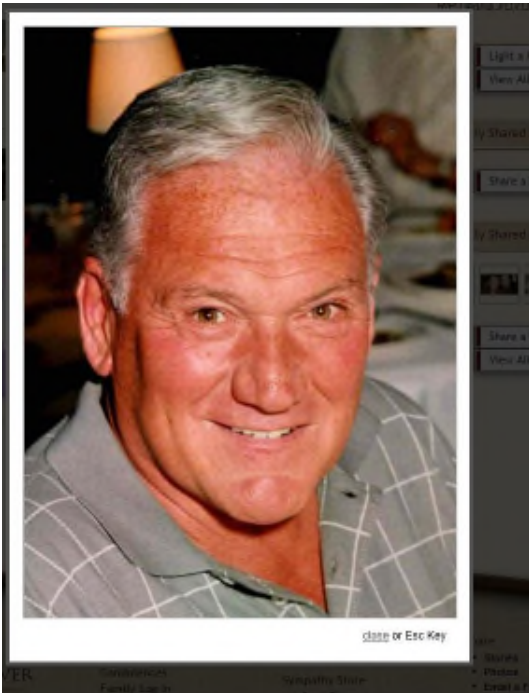


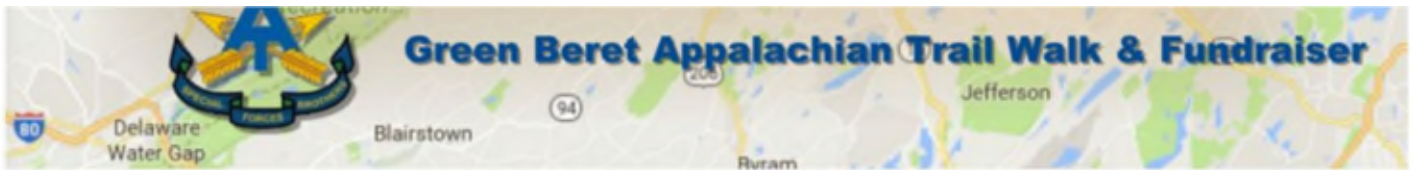
## **TAPS**

### **Dennis Carroll**

It is with much regret and sadness that we report the passing of Dennis Carroll a life member of Chapter 19. He served with Company B, 11th SFG (Abn).

CARROLL - Dennis J., of Smithtown, NY (passed away) on April 3, 2017. (He was a) Retired Homicide Detective NYPD and Proud Vietnam Army Veteran. Beloved husband of Annie. Loving father of Christine (Brian) Cook and Dennis J. (Tracy) Carroll, Jr. Cherished grandfather of Deanna, Keara, Fiona, Graham and Clarissa. Dear brother of Noreen Wohlgemuth and Kathleen Ilacqua. Visitation will be at the Branch Funeral Home, 190 E. Main St., Smithtown, NY on Wednesday & Thursday, 2-4 & 7-9pm. Funeral Mass Friday, 9:30am at St. Joseph R. C. Church, Kings Park. Interment at Calverton National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the NYPD & Fire Widow's and Children's Fund, PO Box 26837, NY, NY 10087 or to Little Shelter, 33 Warner Rd., Huntington, NY 11743.





**SFA Chapter 19 Leg: Greenwood Lake, NY (start) to Columbia, NJ (end)**

Total Miles: 67.8

Start Date: 14AUG2017 (AM)

End Date: 21AUG2017 (AM)

Party to Follow: TBD

Entry Fees: \$25 Registration + \$6 Postage (for tee shirt) + \$100 Donations (you can collect from friends, etc.). Extra shirts are \$20 each.

Benefit: Donations go to Green Beret Foundation Charity



**SF Brothers Appalachian Trail Relay – Practice Hike #2**

Saturday, 29APR2017, 0930 hours

Pyramid Mountain Natural Historic Reservation

472 Boonton Ave

Montville Township, NJ 07005

(intersection of Mars Court & Boonton Ave)

For more complete information Contact:

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