



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

Chapter 47, Oregon



Meeting Minutes

21 Jan 2012

Tom's Restaurant,
3871 SE Division St,
Portland, OR

OPENING: Chapter President, Jerry Powell, called the meeting to order at 1342 hrs. Powell led the Flag Salute. The SF Prayer was read in Invocation by Dave Hancock.

Powell introduced a chapter guest, Mr. Peter Fowler. Mr. Fowler reports that he was in the 1st Group in Okinawa and then posted as FAO to various embassy stations and then at the Pentagon. He has recently retired and moved to Beaverton, OR.

MINUTES of Prior Meetings: Secretary, Janis Zuments, remains on family leave. Temporary Scribe Dave Hancock has provided Minutes from the last two meetings. The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Hono Yacapin, reported that we now have \$10,195.87 in our Chapter account. Hono will have our books audited as required to keep us on the up and up. His report was read and approved. (see treasurer's report attached)

OLD BUSINESS:

License Plate: Jerry Powell reported on the (constantly) changing status of the Oregon SF Veterans License Plate. The Oregon Dept of Motor Vehicles has approved the plate, with an image of the SF Patch and Tab, as shown in the original proposal. There will be an up front cost to us (the chapter), for administration and production of the plate. We will also bear the cost of providing ODMV with camera-ready color separated art. Powell is shopping for a graphic artist to do the original art.

John Allen asked for clarification on the eligibility for the plate. There could be an issue if the qualification criteria excluded SF qualified reserve/NG veterans. It is clear that the Oregon DMV uses the DD 214/215 for basic eligibility determination (a possible problem for some who qualified SF after having separated from active duty and never returned to active duty after qualification). Jerry is point on this initiative and will bring the proposed qualification criteria to the next meeting.

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Membership: We have nearly 50 members paid up for 2012, and a few stragglers have yet to get their dues in. We are continuing to help a couple of qualified SF get the documentation they need for their application.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Raffle: Hono Yacapin, point on the raffle project reported. The change from a bi-annual to an annual schedule, and the budget cycle (now that we actually *have* a budget) have made a spring raffle increasingly difficult. Due to the nearness of our usual May raffle date, Hono recommended a fall 2012 date. M/S/C (Hono/Powell/unanimous), to establish a Fall date for this and subsequent raffles.

For the 2012 raffle, we have the following either in hand or committed:

- 30 Cal MG
- 2 parachute jumps with ground training
- Knife...
- Shakespeare Rod and Reel
- Taxidermy for a Head Mount
- Leupold and Stevens items
- Guest housing at Astoria's Pier 39

Some "usual donors" haven't yet been contacted; the prize list will likely grow. In order to be ready for a fall drawing we need to finalize our prizes at the next meeting.

SFA Convention: Double Tree Inn at Fayetteville 11 - 17 June, 2012. This year will include tours of SWC, the SF Museum, and Camp MacKall. It's a chance to meet old comrades and see the changes at SWC and Ft Bragg. The chapter benefits from member participation in national affairs, and the national is less likely to dismiss us in their decision-making. The chapter has for the last several years covered the cost of a delegate to travel to and attend the national convention. The chapter has preferred to rotate the delegates from year to year. In spite of that precedent, Chapter President Powell said he would like to attend this year and would like to see another chapter member attend as well. Hono proposed the chapter cover the President's air fare, hotel and a daily per diem. M/S/C (Boyce/?/unanimous). Anyone that also wants to go this year needs to contact Jerry and/or Hono asap.

Election of National Officers: The Candidates, with their biographical information and the procedures for voting will be published in the Spring Issue of The Drop. There was some discussion of the importance of this national election, recalling that a previous national administration nearly split the Association. The time frame to get familiar with the people and their issues and to then vote is pretty tight for a mail in election. This is an important election and

one way of being sure all our votes get down there is that the Chapter can send them down as a group. The winners of the Election will be announced and sworn in at the Convention.

Chapter Academic Scholarships: Hono said that the only scholarship application so far received this year was for Ivan Davies' daughter at Gonzaga. A continuation of that scholarship was approved (unanimous). John Allen voiced a concern that as our fortunes (and our treasury) had risen, our contribution to scholarship of our children hadn't. It was moved, seconded and carried (M/S/C) to approve one \$1,000 scholarship and two \$500 scholarships each year (maximum total to be budgeted of \$2000). A Scholarship Committee was appointed, to be made up of John Allen, Greg Meiling, John Boyce and Hono Yacapin. Note: this is a change from the previously approved \$500 scholarship entitlement for whoever applied and was approved, with no set budget.

Recruitment: There was an active discussion of a long festering issue. At one time, the chapter was advised of SF leaving active duty for a HOR address in Oregon. That information furnished a mailing list for us as well as for reserve component recruitment. No-one present was aware of a similar intel source currently available. It was resolved that we need to be able to identify SF Vets as they exit the Army to our Chapter area. The president will seek someone to head up a committee to investigate the issue.

Annual Picnic: We loudly voted to have our 2nd Annual Chapter Picnic in lieu of our July 21st meeting. Hono will once again be our Master Chef and Jerry and Boyce will organize it. The picnic this year will be at Mike and Betsy Foss's home on the Clackamas River.

Closing: The meeting ended at 1530.

The next meeting will be 17 March, 2012 at Tom's Restaurant.

NB: The 17th is St Patrick's Day, *so wear something Green.*

Submitted by: Dave Hancock

Members present: John Allen (Sgt at Arms), John Boyce, Ivan Davis, Paul Druze, Charles Glidden, Bill Gritzbaugh, Dave Hancock, Greg Meiling, James McMahan, Larry Pound, Jerry Powell (President), Hono Yacapin (Treasurer),

Guests: Peter Fowler, Joel Scott.