



# SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

## Chapter 47, Oregon



### MINUTES

18 Mar 2012

#### Meeting called to order 1335 hrs:

Chapter President Powell read the Special Forces Prayer and led the Flag Salute.

#### January Minutes:

Minutes from the previous meeting were accepted as read. (M/Boyce, unanimous).

#### Treasurers report:

2011 Year end account balance was \$10,362.87. Gross income for the year was \$8,685.00 from all sources. Income received from our part of annual dues was \$1,760.00.

The most current balance (February 29) was \$9,605.68 with 2012 annual dues (the chapter's portion) received.

#### National Elections:

Chapter President Powell spoke about SF's unique election protocol, where one can vote against, as well as for a person or topic. He brought ballots for upcoming national elections for members to vote now. Ballots will be in the upcoming DROP as well. Voting now would save postage and avoid later nagging by the president. Powell advised members to consider carefully who they are voting for and what the candidates have to offer. Noted in the discussion that followed: the association doesn't seem to be in as precarious position as it was four years ago... but that there are some potentially serious issues in the SFA constitution to be addressed in the next year or so... and that the personalities of the directors have a lot to do with the leadership style we see at the chapter level. Read the candidates statements carefully... and consider the testimonials offered before voting. But VOTE before the deadline.

*NB: The Drop is mailed bulk mail. Members may not have a lot of time to vote once you get it.*

### Old Business:

#### Raffle:

Hono updated us on prizes for this year's raffle. He presented pictures of the Suomi M-31, a potential grand prize. The purchase price was reasonable but members thought it was not sexy enough to sell tickets. John Allen suggested we look into a 308 sniper rifle, and others spoke of machine gun replicas from WW2 Era. No final decision was made pending further input from members. A present were encouraged to check their contacts and make suggestions.

*NB: an FFA who has worked with us previously has come forward with a likely candidate Grand Prize... a semi-auto new manufacture of a Browning 1919A4.*

Other prizes include: 2 parachute jumps (donated by Ralph Hatley), 2 Gerber knives (part of a generous donation by the Gerber company), a “shoulder mount” trophy game mounting (donated by the taxidermist), an Astoria Hotel stay (donated by Floyd Holcom), a telescopic sight (donated by Leupold and Stevens).

New chapter member Bill Gritzbaugh and his son Andrew connected us with the Gerber company and has offered to host a private tour of the factory for chapter members in April.

Hono brought up the potential for confusion over what our fundraiser supports... accordingly, the tickets will state clearly that the chapter’s fundraiser supports the chapter’s activities as well as the scholarships and other charitable works we undertake.

Hono pointed out that we must have the raffle ready to print tickets by June, so that we must pick a grand prize weapon as soon as possible... by the May 19 meeting at the latest. Email/telephone coordination will be by regular chapter channels.

### **License Plate:**

It appears Jerry has made headway in working through the red tape to make the SF Oregon license plates a reality. DMV wants to see DD -214 for verification and is willing to work with the SF Association for vetting applicants. A major task with positive results

### **Scholarships:**

No new applications have come in yet. Hono pointed out that the last scholarship given (to Ivan Davis’ grand-daughter) was for the 2011 year. In the discussion of how to allocate the scholarship proceeds, it appeared that much would depend on who and how many applied in any one year. Because we haven’t authorized more than one scholarship before, the likelihood of having to rank applicants is new. Since there is (decided in the January meeting) a scholarship committee, a motion came from the floor to leave distribution (to whom and how much) up to the scholarship committee to recommend. Motion / Hono, Second / Janis, carried unanimously.

## **New business:**

### **Membership:**

Two former SF, Thomas Jones, a former 1<sup>st</sup> Group member at Ft Lewis, and David Brock, who spent time in the 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Groups and with the 5<sup>th</sup> in VN have both asked to join Chapter 47. Both have applications and will return them to Hono. Chapter membership stands now at about 60.

### **Delegates to the National Convention:**

Hono asked Chapter Pres. Powell if he was going to go to this year’s convention. Powell said he was, but that he was uncomfortable being the only one going, or financially assisted in going. He asked that his award be trimmed to ¾ of his expense and another member be awarded ¾ as well so that other chapter members could gain experience with national.

Doug Zaharko moved and John Boyce 2nd, that the Chapter approve sending up to 2 people to the National Convention, with chapter financial assistance to help defer expenses, not to exceed 2 thousand dollars in total award. Unanimously approved.

**Larry Roseberry:**

Larry Roseberry (D 5872) died last Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 2012. Larry was a Viet Nam vet, and a decade member of chapter 47. Larry was a prime mover in reviving the Chapter in the late 1990's, and was a several term chapter president. Jim Myers, a Roseberry friend, is POC for Larry's family and will provide further information on funeral details as they are available. Hono moved that the Chapter donate \$250 to the family as it has done before. Second by Boyce. Motion carried unanimously.

**Norm Doney update:**

Norm still recognizes people, although some days are better than others. He is at the Oregon Vets Home in the Dalles: 700 Veterans Dr., The Dalles, OR 97058. His wife Patty is staying in close contact & appreciates our concern.

*NB: Norm's legal issue seems to be resolved for now.*

**Picnic:**

Our "annual" picnic will be held July 21<sup>st</sup> in lieu of our July meeting. Mike and Betsy Foss have agreed to host at their place on the Clackamas. Boyce and Powell will recon. Arrangements similar to last year... Operation Order to be finalized by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Web site:**

Our website is a bit tired and now, with Larry Roseberry's passing... wrong. We need to get Larry's name and POC off the web site and revise the website to accept new technology

**Chapter property:**

Red Knox is concerned about storage & safety of Chapter memorabilia. He has ½ of it and is concerned about getting an approved & secure storage area. Boyce agreed to provide temporary storage while the rest of the chapter impedimenta could be assembled and a permanent storage located.

**Next:**

Deadline for scholarship application (for this year) is 1 May 2012.

Next meeting is 19 May 2012

**Attendance:**

Members:

John M Allen, John Boyce, Ivan Davis, Pete Fowler, Bill Gritzbaugh, Dave Hancock, Red Knox, Benny Long, Jerry Powell, Hono Yacopin, Doug Zaharko, Janis Zuments.

Guests:

Byron (Barney) Barnett

Submitted by Janis Zuments

## SIGN UP-SIGN IN

JANIS ZUHENTIS

BENNY LONG

IVAN DAVIS

Dave Hancock

John Boyce.

Doug Zaharko

BIN GRITZBANGH

BYRON R. BARNETT

JOHN M. ALLEN

Red Knox

Jerry Fowler

~~Honda~~

Peta Fowler

Hono Yacopin



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**YEAR END REPORT**  
For the year ending December 31, 2011

**CHAPTER 47**

**Balance Sheet Account**

Cash in bank account-Total \$10,362.87

**Income**

Dues \$1760.00

Lewis & Clark SFA Chapter 47 Fund Raiser 6885.00

**Total** \$8645.00

**Expenses**

Contributions/Donations/Gifts \$ 779.20 - *Scholarship*

Registration-Convention 270.00

Lodging 786.55

Dues 1338.00

Postage/Shipping 17.20

Perdiem 280.00

Printing 186.39

Transportation-Ground/Air 1024.20

Meeting Luncheons 518.40

Annual Picnic 360.41

**Total** \$5560.35

**HONORATO YACAPIN**  
Treasurer

**JERALD M. "Jerry" POWELL**  
President

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