



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

Chapter 47, Oregon



Meeting Minutes

1300hrs, 16 Mar 2013

Tom's Restaurant
SE Division at 39th
Portland, OR

Members present:

John Allen, Byron Barnett, John Boyce, Ray Ciphers, Ivan Davis, Charles Glidden, Bill Gritzbaugh, Dave Hancock, Greg Meiling, Larry Pound, Jerry Powell, Hono Yacapin, & Janis Zuments.

Introductions:

As this would be new member, Ray Cyphers' 1st meeting with us we each introduced ourselves around the table. Welcome Ray!

Opening:

Called to order with an Invocation and a Flag Salute by chapter president Powell at 1345.

After the Invocation (SF Prayer), a moment of silence for our fallen comrades and the Flag Salute, we commenced our business of the day.

Minutes:

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read. (Powell):

Treasurers Report:

Hono reported that we have \$6997.10 in our checking account as of today's date.

Budget Recommendation:

Hono presented the budget committee recommendation for 2013 (based on this January's beginning balance:

Scholarship Fund	\$2000
Operations (funerals, donations, office expense)	\$2000
Travel Reimbursements for Annual Convention	\$2000
Annual Picnic expense	\$ 400
Bimonthly Meeting expense (lunches)	\$ 600

Note: this budget is based on the January beginning balance, and does not include proforma revenues and expenses from fundraising activities this year and is based on previous experience and approved chapter policies.

Fundraising:

Hono has lined up several prizes for this year's raffle. Floyd Holcomb will again donate a stay for 2 at Pier 39 in Astoria. We have commitments for Taxidermy (Deer shoulder mount) and a tandem parachute jump. Leupold and Stevens is likely to again donate one of

their high-end shooting optics. Bill Gritzbaugh will ask for another donation from Gerber knives.

There was considerable discussion about selecting a Grand Prize. We have had a warm reception for the kind of collectable weapons we've offered in the past, and the consensus seemed to be that we should continue that theme. An issue that has recently developed is that military/military appearing weapons are a hot thing on the market and scarce resources have created some long waiting lists and uncertain delivery. Hono proposed & recommended the SGP-QCB (gas piston-quick change barrel) in 5.56mm or 7.62mm (NATO) made by TNW Firearms, an Oregon gunsmith with whom we have a long standing relationship.

John Boyce moved, John Allen seconded, that Hono get reassurance from TNW Firearms for a firm delivery date so that there in no question we have a weapon ready to present to the raffle winner. Hono is authorized to commit to purchase with those conditions.

Old Business:

AAR on Norm Doney's funeral:

CSM Norm Doney, retired, died February 20th and was interred in Hammond, Oregon at "Soldiers Cemetery", the Cemetery of the decommissioned Ft Stevens (A Coastal Artillery emplacement) on February 28th.

Hono Yacopin, Janis Zuments, Jerry Powell, Allen, Jim Day, Joe Amicarella and Dave Hancock went down from Chapter 47. Dennis McVey, and Bruce Kuhlman were with Norm in Delta Projects and Ken Snyder came down from Washington. All had been with Norm in Delta Proj. and had heard of the funeral through SOA. Floyd Holcom read Norm's Eulogy at the Cemetery.

"Soldiers Cemetery" at Ft Stevens is pretty small, maybe four or five acres. It's a pretty and tranquil place. The funeral couldn't have gone better. The sun came out as the hearse pulled up. We actually had arrived while the funeral detail from the 1st was rehearsing (in the rain) and had a chance to talk with the NCOIC, (SGM Werhane), the pall bearers and the rifle squad, the 1st Group Chaplain, (MAJ Rice), and the 1st Group PIO, (SSG Aubrey).

MAJ Rice's office procured pipers from the Tacoma area, The ceremony went off without a hitch (save an anxious moment when a pallbearer slipped on the slippery grass and nearly sent himself and CSM Doney into the grave).

The reception was at the American Legion Hall in Astoria. Toasting was coordinated with the American Legion's bartender charging the glasses. The Legion 'Auxiliary' put out a fine buffet spread and everyone relaxed a bit.

We owe a tip of the beret to Floyd, and a letter of thanks to 1st Group HQ.

DMOR Nomination:

It came up in discussion with Werhane, McVey, Kuhlman and Day at Norm's reception that Norm had not been nominated for the "Distinguished Member of the Regiment" award in

spite of having been presented the St Philip Neri silver award in 2007. We found out that one actually had to be nominated for DMOR by a Member of the Regiment.

Greg Meiling moved, Charles Glidden seconded, that we initiate the recommendation. Jerry Powell has already assembled most of the information needed and will make the formal submittal ASAP.

Chapter Web Page:

There was some discussion of the web page revealing that few chapter members use it, although at least two new members have found us in the last few months through it. There seemed to be a consensus to “do something” but it may take a larger discussion sometime in the future.

Moved, seconded and carried (unanimously) top renew our domain name and hosting arrangement.

Annual Calendar:

Calendar dates for those agenda items firmed up are;

18 May 2013 (lunch, Launch Raffle sales)

20 July 2013 (lunch meeting)

27 July 2013 (Annual Picnic)

21 Sept 2013 (lunch meeting)

11 Nov 2013 (Veteran’s Day)

16 Nov 2013 (Holiday party and Drawing?)

mark your calendars!

Janis Zuments noted that there would be a free baseball game honoring Veterans at a time/date TBA.

New business:

Greg Clark’s funeral (non-SFA):

Greg Clark’s Military Funeral will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on April 1. There will be a reception and a final toast at Camp Withycombe following the Military ceremony. John Boyce is the POC regarding details.

Soldier of the year award:

Greg Meiling proposed the Chapter establish a Soldier of the Year award , not necessarily given on an annual basis, but for recognizing extraordinary work performed for the chapter the previous year. Zuments seconded the motion. Greg suggested names but we did not act on it any further, tabling the motion for the next meeting. Nominations may be written up and submitted to the membership for discussion.

Next meeting: 18 May 2012 (Armed Forces Day)

Adjourned: 1430 hrs