



# SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

## Chapter 47, Oregon



### Meeting Minutes

1300hrs, 18 May 2013

Tom's Restaurant  
SE Division at 39<sup>th</sup>  
Portland, OR

### Members Present:

John Allen, Byron Barnett, Bob Beisner (new member), John Boyce, Jim Day, Dan Deitz, (returning member), Charles (Corky) Glidden, Bill Gritzbaugh, Jim McMahan (returning member), Greg Meiling, Gene Rappe (new member), Hono Yacapin.

### Guest:

Roger (Skip) Cherry (SFA member at large)

### Introductions:

We introduced ourselves around the table to the new/renewed members and guest.

### Opening:

The meeting was called to order at 1336hrs by John Allen, Sergeant at Arms, chair for this meeting. He led us in the pledge of allegiance; Dan Deitz led us in the SF prayer.

### Minutes:

The minutes were approved, amended to include Alan Johnson's presence at CSM Norm Doney's funeral.

### Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Hono Yacapin reported we had \$6,705.05 in the treasury as of the end of March, with 3 outstanding checks and one deposit the current balance is \$9,351.51.

### Old Business:

#### Raffle report:

Raffle chairman Yacapin reported that the main prize of the raffle will be a customized M16 chambered for either 5.56 or 7.62 without scope or magazine. Our cost will be \$1345, 10% off list price. There will be a total of 5 prizes, (*see March minutes*) including prizes from many of the same donors as last year. Jim McMahan promises to buy 100 tickets.

#### Norm Doney DMOR application:

The chair offered to entertain a motion to pay up to \$50.00 for PhotoShop work on CSM Doney's portrait as part of his Distinguished Member of the Regiment application. It was moved, seconded, and approved.

#### Internet/Social Media:

The chair brought up the social media website, "Linked In" as having an SF component. Discussion followed. The issue will be further investigated and brought back to the next meeting. (Tabled)

#### National Convention:

The chair asked if anyone besides the current chapter president was going to attend the National Convention. Greg Meiling, Dave Hancock and Ben Long also intend to attend.

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**Soldier of the Year:**

There was some thought that an individual had already been nominated, seconded and approved.

The issue was tabled to the next meeting. Also to be resolved would be the form of the award and how it would be displayed.

It was moved, seconded and passed that the award should be called the "CSM Norm Doney Soldier of the Year" award.

**Norm Doney's funeral:**

It was pointed out from the floor that in the last minutes there was to be a "Tip of the beret to Floyd Holcom and a letter of thanks to 1st GP HQ" concerning Norm Doney's funeral. The chair said he would check on the status of the letters of thanks.

**New Business:****Annual Picnic:**

Dan Deitz will be this year's volunteer host. Dan explained where he lives and the facilities available. There was discussion as to time frame, parking, flag pole, cooking, side dishes, tables, chairs, likely numbers of attendees, bathroom facilities. etc.

As the picnic is to be on Saturday, 27 July and there was a regularly scheduled chapter meeting the week prior... some thought the picnic ought to be in lieu of the regular meeting.

The chair stated that he would bring the question to the president.

**SF Funerals:**

The question of whether or not Chapter 47 should, in some fashion, make itself responsible for coordinating SF funerals in our area was raised. Thus far this has mostly been done on an ad hoc basis with no particular organization or protocol. John Boyce said that this function should be the province of an institution (in our case Chapter 47) as opposed to a single individual. There was discussion as to how this should be formatted, how it should be executed etc. It was the consensus that the chapter should play a role in these situations. The suggestion was made that whatever current information is available should be given to the chapter president. No formal action was taken, and the issue will be tabled for now.

**Scholarships:**

There has been only one scholarship application submitted to date. The question was asked if the applicant was available for an interview by the scholarship committee. The answer was in the affirmative.

**Adjournment:**

The chair asked if there was a motion to adjourn. It was so moved, seconded and passed at 1420.

*Submitted by Scribe Pro-tempore,*

John Boyce

*(Note: I apologize for being unable to attend this meeting, and for attaching my comments on issues discussed this way, but given that we only meet six times a year, I felt that timely response was more important than strict protocol. Jerry)*



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Gentlemen:

JB's minutes of the May meeting are really well done and he took the time to fill in the pieces he couldn't recall immediately, and hadn't time to write down, reviewing the discussion from the meeting tape. That's dedication.

He inserted some questions in the minutes to be answered, and this note is my attempt to answer where I can, or help frame the question when I can't.

**Vis a vis the Raffle.** I'm hoping there will be tickets available available for the 1<sup>st</sup> group reunion and the SFA convention in June.

Which brings up another related question: can every active chapter member agree to sell at least ten tickets? Twenty tickets? What do you think?

I hate to break it down to Chapter finance, but as it stands we depend on our annual raffle to fund our activities, and it's done pretty well. It is, however, just one source of income. We don't have a big bank account, and one bad guess on what might sell tickets, or one off year would jeopardize our ability to fund operations as we have for the past few years. Since many of our members are Life members, we don't get much return from membership renewals. I'm not kicking about that, but it seems to me that we're funding (albeit limited) funeral expense, we're hosting an increasing number of member events (which is a good thing), and we're facing an increasing need for scholarship assistance. Asking everyone to go hawk some tickets or buy into the raffle themselves doesn't seem too much to ask.

**Vis. Soldier of the year.** According to the previous meeting's minutes:

*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.*

I think this is a really good idea that we need to put some more thought and maybe some muscle behind. I'm thinking that we need three people, including Greg, to develop this to bring it back to the next meeting. (see May minutes)

**Vis Norm Doney's funeral...** I hadn't got the letters out yet. I apologize for the tardiness, I got busy and it was too easy to procrastinate. I'll do it right away.

**Vis. having a chapter meeting in July.** We'll likely need to meet in July to settle operations detail for the picnic, and to debrief from the annual convention. I recommend we hold the date, and re-evaluate after 1 July. Maybe we could make it a breakfast meeting during the week, a week or so before the picnic.

**Vis. SF Funerals, Funeral protocols.** I intend to talk with other chapters and the national officers about this issue at the National Convention.

**Vis. Chapter scholarships.** The scholarship committee will meet before the next chapter meeting. An "email meeting" is OK for this purpose. We need to be able to respond to the applicant(s).

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