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THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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New members: We have added **Robert Schober** to the mailing list. **Laurie Johnson** set us Robert's information. Robert is an associate member of the First Special Service Force Association. Robert is hoping to come up for the annual Parachute jump in Baldwin, WI.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next business meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Apr 6th, 2010.

The Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

We will be ironing details for the Christmas Dinner.

Some folks show up early for dinner, about 6:15. Some folks show up early and socialize until the meeting. Some folks just come to the meeting.

Other Upcoming Events/ Activities:

Skydiving: Jumping at the Balwin, Wisconsin Drop Zone will be scheduled soon. I expect it to happen in very late May or early June.

John Stepan will be making the arrangements and we will let you know info as it becomes available.

Baldwin, Wisconsin is about 20 miles from the Minnesota/Wisconsin border at Interstate 90.

We had a blast out there last year.

Two Harbors Heritage Day Parade: I presume that the Two Harbors Heritage day Parade is July 10th. We always have a great time.

The John Krancich 3rd Annual Memorial Ride 2010: The "ride" is taking place from the 1st to the 8th of August near Mount Rushmore, South Dakota.

You do not have to ride a motorcycle to attend this "ride." This is, in my opinion, an extended family vacation. It is a week long vacation at an RV park, with daily trips to go see different attractions in the Mount Rushmore area.

And you are invited.

If you need to know someone there, before you feel comfortable going to the ride: You might have met Ron Reule, or his wife Chris, at the Chapter Christmas Dinner or some other activity. (Ron and Chris are part of the corp of folks who set up the "ride.")

I will be there at the ride for at least a few days. (I will let you know later when I will be there.)

Let's try some name-dropping: Curt and Janine Miller come in from the west coast. Steve "Speedy" Etherington drives up from the southwest U.S. (And, right now, I met about eight other folks out there last year, but I can't remember their names as I type away like a madman. (A madmen who types

with two fingers, but typing like a madmen, none the less.)

Pete Hicks was planning to drive up from east Texas, but I don't know his status since he took a contract job overseas

Now, if you don't know anyone there, and you are comfortable doing it, you can call ahead or just show up at Spearfish and pass a few bona fides. Bona fides include (pick the ones that apply to you): mention Ron Reule's name, mention Chapter XX's newsletter, mention some other SFA Chapter, tell 'em which SF Group you were in, and when, or tell 'em which airborne unit you were with and when, or that you know someone, who knew someone, who who had a relative who used to jump out of airplanes.

I don't know if Ron, Curt, et al, are going to set up a tentative schedule for when they plan to go see the local sights. Activities include taking different days to go see Mount Rushmore, the Needles, Devil's Tower, and more, but I don't know if they plan any further out the next day.

The activities are actually centered in Spearfish, SD, at Chris's Campground. You can camp at Chris's or bring in an RV. Chris's has RV hook up's, some small cabins, laundry and shower facilities and a pool. Spearfish is a small town with numerous motels, stores, and restaurants.

If you get this Newsletter, then you are invited to the ride. If you have not seen the sights, plan your vacation to piggyback with this ride.

All Airborne Days: All Airborne Days are coming up in August. More info to follow.

Another Summer Odyessey: We tried a Summer Odyessey last year and it fell flat. (The blames is on me: indecision, could not set a summer schedule, did not correspond back to folks who were interested.)

But ... we are trying again.

The goal: get a few of us out to different parts of the state in order to link up

with other SF and Airborne folks who live in the hinter land.

On the calander:

May-June	Baldwin, WI
June 7 th to the 13 th	SFA National Convention Fort Bragg
July 10 th	Two Harbors (just north of Duluth)
Early August	Twin Cities (All Airborne Days)

I will be looking to set up trips to the southwest corner of the state (Worthington-Luverne-Springfield?), the southeast (Albert Lea or Rochester?), the central part of the state (St. Cloud-Milaca-Brainard), and the northwest (Moorhead-Bemidji-Grand Forks.)

There are two, or sometimes three of us who can do the traveling, and we will try to get folks in a given area together for something.

If some day/date works for you, let me know.

More info to follow.

After Action Reviews:

Royal Lao Armed Forces Day: Unfortunately, this reporter was unable to attend the Royal Lao Veterans of America celebration of the Royal Lao Armed Forces 60th Anniversary on March 27th, 2010.

The Celebration was in remembrance of all the men and women of all ethnic groups and units who fought in the Secret War in Laos, including U.S. Special Forces, U.S. Air Force, Air America, Air Continental, Royal Thai Army, and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam.

Hopefully someone will submit an after action report for the activity. (I plan to ask Jeff Arnold, but we will see.)

The Chapter Business Meeting Minutes (January, February, and March): Stay Tuned.

From Around The Chapter:

The Canadian Special Operatons Regiment Prop Blast Mug: Dan, just to let

you know I am back from my trip to Petawawa and the Prop Blast Mug was delivered with no problems. I have pictures of the mug and the presentation ceremony. I presented the mug to the commander, Major D.J. Gobeil.

The Canadian SOR presented me with a framed certificate for the chapter w/there regimental coin matted in the frame. They also gave me some CSOR mugs, calendars, 3 posters, and some CSOR literature. They gave me 9 mugs and we can figure out what to do with them.

I would like one of the posters (halo poster). For the other two, I could get a couple of frames and we could put them in the silent action for the XMAS party/dinner. I can also do a little writeup and with a picture of the presentation, it could be submitted to the Drop for our chapter.

A Story from Ed: In 1957 I was a young infantryman in the 24th Infantry Division Korea. It was winter and I was assigned to

pull security for a Battalion Field Training Exercise (FTX). The weather was colder than a supply sergeant's heart. They had set up a GP Medium Tent for us to sleep in. It had no heat, so we all slept in mountain sleeping bags with all our clothing on except our helmets.

The next morning I woke up at o'dark thirty and it was so very cold. I saw a small fire going where my platoon sergeant was sleeping. He was a veteran of WW 2 and Korea, a true infantryman who taught us young future "grunts" the many hard lessons he had learned in two wars.

Thinking that he was heating up some coffee, I called over to him and asked, "Sergeant, could I have some of your coffee?"

His answer was, "Coffee my ass, I'm thawing out my teeth". He had placed his false teeth in some water from his canteen cup the night before and the water had frozen solid.