

THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER XX
THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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It is with a sad and heavy heart that we must report that Clarence (Bud) Ollom has passed away at his residence in Cottage Grove, MN on April 26, 2009.

Funeral arrangements for Bud Ollom are as follows:

Roseville Memorial Chapel
2245 Hamline Ave. No
Roseville, Minnesota 55113
651-631-2727

Wake Visitation is Sunday May 3, 2009 from 4:00 -8:00 pm.

The Funeral is Monday May 4th, with visitation from 9 to 10 am and services start at 10 am. Internment at 11:30 am at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Following the internment, food and refreshments will be available at the North St. Paul, VFW

A full obituary notice will appear in the St Paul Pioneer Press Newspaper on Friday May 1st.

All who wish to participate as Honor Guards during the Wake please contact Jack Running when you arrive. Memorials may be sent to the Chapel.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next business meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant

Tues, May 5th, 2009.

The Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

Laurie sent an email reminding me that there will be a concert at the Excel Center (if I remember correctly) and some other shindig going on in St. Paul. Coupled with the Cinco de Mayo celebration (where beer companies have convinced the American public it is a good reason to imbibe) traffic, cops, parking, and other customers in the restaurant may get bad.

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. Anyway you can make it, we would love to see you there. (And you don't have to be a Chapter member to attend the meeting.)

See the meeting Agenda box on the next page.

Upcoming Events/ Activities:

The May 2nd Freefall Blast.

We are sending the Newsletter out early just to let you know, one last time—and in time to make it out to Baldwin, Wisconsin, that we will be there and we will be having fun.

Most of the Hofeld family, Babs and a handful of others are planning on making their first freefall jumps on May 2nd in

Baldwin, Wisconsin. We want you to be there.

Jumpers were expected at the Drop Zone at 11:00 am for check in and then training. The time has changed to 12:00.

Unfortunately, I could not tell if you are jumping at 12:00 or if you are checking in at 12:00. So: be there plenty early.

We will eat after the jump, between 1 and 2 pm. We will have brats, hot dogs, chips, and sodas. If that is enough for ya', come on out. If you want to bring some side dish, that would be great.

The place has a pavilion with gas grills and, I imagine, someone will just start cooking and we will go from there. (I would volunteer to do it except I always screw up the brats.)

On a rain date: if weather cancels the jump we will reschedule the jump. We will notify you of the date (if there is time.) If I understood John correctly, you can also check the weather status by going to the website:

If you have any last minute questions, call John at 612-968-3196.

Directions: From the Twin Cities, head east on Interstate 94. At Exit 16, head north. Just as you get to the outskirts of town (you will be able to tell, there is a big sheet-metal-type-of-building on the east/right-hand side of the road—and small town America is just beyond that), turn east/left. Go past a couple of cow pastures and watch for cars, trucks, a windsock, an airplane, and/or parachutists.

If you hit Lake Michigan then go have gone way, way, way, to far. Turn around and go back.

World War II History Round Table. "The Glider Operations in World War II" featuring veterans of the Glider Units of 82d and 101st

Airborne Divisions is on May 14th. The Round Table meets in the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center at 7pm.

The Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade is Saturday, July 11th. Mark your calendars and plan your summer. Hotels in the area are:

The Americinn of Two Harbors, 218-834-3000
Country Inn of TH 834-5557
Superior Shores 834 5671
Voyageur Motel 834 3644
or Viking Motel 834-2645
Make your reservations early and info will start appearing in the Projects section. (Soon. Really, soon.)

The 1st Special Forces Group Reunion will be June 16th to the 29th, hosted by

Chapter IX in El Paso, Texas.

The All Airborne Days are Friday, 6 pm, August 8th at the Richfield American Legion and Saturday August 9th, 12:00, at the Fort Snelling Contact Club.

We will not be dedicating any Monuments in the Airborne Circle this year. We are planning to dedicate one for the 555 Parachute Infantry Regiment over Labor Day Weekend.

After Action Reviews: The Chapter April Business Meeting: The Meeting was called to order at 7 pm on April 7th, 2009. Present at the meeting were:

Steve	John R
Jeff	John S
Doug	Art
Bill	Dan
Laurie	Rich
Ed	Trudell
Matt	Jack
John M	Olaf
Oly	Ed York

and the Hofelds.

Meeting Agenda Items

- Discuss Upcoming events
- AAR's (The May 2nd Jump)
- Reports from Midwest All Airborne Alliance meeting
- Ask for the latest info on the CSOR Prop Blast Mug.
- Bug Jeff Arnold about the Kenneth Worthley bio for the Christmas Dinner program.
- See what else Dan has gotten done on his plans for visiting the four corners of the State
- Vote for Chapter officers

John S. made a motion to accept the March Meeting Minutes, as published in the April Chapter Newsletter. John M. seconded the motion and it carried.

John R. made a motion to accept the Financial Report, as given by Matt. Jeff seconded the motion and it was carried.

John R. noted that while his brother was in the VA hospital, lots of folks visited. Both wanted to say thanks to the folks who were able to stop by.

Since John M. had a big cardboard box at the meeting, he was given the floor. John said that he had T-shirts to donate to the Chapter for fundraising. The T-shirts, black with the SF Shoulder patch (SF and Airborne tabs and the SF arrowhead silk-screened in color), are \$10.00 a piece, all money going to the Chapter. Look for them at your next Chapter activity.

We discussed upcoming events, the May 2nd Baldwin Jump and All Airborne Days (see detailed information in their respective sections) and the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade (in general.)

John S. quickly talked about the Lunch with Wounded Warriors, covered in last month's Newsletter. He thanked everyone who was able to help, noting that the folks who ran the program were very thankful for our support.

When Bill B. was asked about the Midwest All Airborne Alliance meeting, he said Trudell pretty much covered everything in the discussion on All Airborne Days.

John R. told us the latest information on Prop Blast Mug for the Canadian Special Operations Regiment. Rick has tracked the shipment to the Canadian postal Sys-tem and they are trying to track down the Mug.

We discussed the Chapter's position on promoting SF, which included Art's letter in the last Newsletter.

People focused on several-to-many sentences in Art's letter that noticeably

bothered them, which induced a high level of concern that the Chapter would be getting into political issues and debates, which are forbidden by the SFA Constitution.

Dan tried to re-focus the discussion on what he thought was the underlying idea, based on his discussion with Art: supporting Article III of the SFA Constitution, promoting SF and the SFA.

Both sides were discussed, occasionally in rather terse terms. Dan asked if we should try to find a Chapter member to research what the SFA is doing to sell SF. Two people thought we should, six thought we should not, and the rest of the folks at the meeting just looked uncomfortable, like they would prefer to move on to a new topic.

Dan asked Art if we could kill this topic. Art consented. It is dead.

Next we talked about the Chapter's position on changing the Membership requirements, as covered in the last Newsletter. Steve made a motion that we direct the Chapter representative to inform the SFA Convention Presidents' Meeting that Chapter XX is strongly and vehemently opposed to the proposed changes in the SFA membership.

Which was followed by asking for a Chapter member to represent the Chapter at the next SFA Convention. No one at meeting was sure that they would be able to attend. John R. was asked to call and check with a regular Convention attendee. He said he would.

We asked Jeff Arnold about the Kenneth Worthley bio for the Christmas Dinner program. He said he had gotten a little bit and that he would continue to do the research. John M. volunteered to help a bit with the research.

Dan discussed his plans for visiting the four corners of the State. Dan has started call this the Summer Odyssey, look for detailed information in the Projects section.

The Chapter Phone Tree

Get on the Chapter Phone
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We asked for any more nominations for Chapter officers. There being no other nominations, Bill Bray made a motion to close the nominations, seconded by Ed Komac and carried. The nominees are:

Position	Nominee
Treasurer	Matt
Secretary	Dan
Vice Pres	John S
President	Rick

A mail in ballot is included at the end of this Newsletter. If you can make it to the meeting, those present will be voting at the meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, and you want to vote, use the mail in ballot.

There being no further business we closed the meeting at 7:48 pm.

FROM AROUND THE CHAPTER AND SFA:

From Tim Kirk: Got a short letter from Bob. He will be coming into town from Texas for the May meeting. I will also be at the meeting. With Sheila going back to school it has been hard to make any meetings, but we will be squeezing this one in.

My son Leon was married on March 28th to a wonderful young lady Becky. I am very happy and proud. Becky's dad is retired military. Spent 10 years in Marine Corps, then got tired of being deployed so much during the 90's so got out and joined army national guard. Her dad was deployed to Iraq three times and finally retired a year or so ago. Both of her brothers are in army also.

Look forward to seeing you in May.

PROJECTS:

The Kenneth Worthley Bio: Jeff is the guy working on researching Ken's military history for a biography of Ken.

The Summer Odyssey: At the Chapter meeting, Dan provided a copy of a Minnesota map with drawn-on locations for Chapter members, from the Chapter Newsletter mailing list. The map showed concentrations in different areas of the state, see the list in the inset box

Dan said he would be getting info from the Chapter Newsletter email list and continue to compile the information.

Dan provided a copy of the map to

Jack and asked him to try and develop a comparable list of Midwest All Airborne members. The goal is to get as many folks together in one area as possible.

Since the meeting, I have sent out an initial email burst using the Chapter Newsletter email list. A handful were kicked back because some filter thought I was sending out Spam. On the good side of that email burst, I have heard back from three folks.

Keith said if we get him names of folks with northern addresses he would be glad to drop in and visit them. Typically, I would say contact me and I will pass your name to Keith, but, knowing Keith, you can contact him at klarson@lakenet.com

I will get his phone number in the Newsletter later.

We also got an email from Todd. Todd lives about 30 miles west of Bemidji and he set to let him know when we will be in the area and he will be glad to sit down for lunch.

The Summer Odyssey Tentative Locations:

- the Rochester area,
- a scattering along I-90 in southern Minnesota,
- a group along the Highway 169 (from Elk River to Onamia) to St. Cloud,
- a group in the northeast including the north shore, west toward MacGregor and the northeastern part of Wisconsin,
- and, finally, a scattering of folks from Bemidji to Fargo/Morehead.

Times and Places:

In General: to be determined

Specifics:

July 11th in Two Harbors. See the on the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade.

If you are interested in getting together, call 507-647-3526 or email kais0063@umn.edu

If we want to visit Bemidji, Todd says there are two good Irish Pubs in Bemidji.

In the southern part of the state, Jim said, "I think this is a great idea. Please let me know when you will be in the Rochester area and if I am home I will make it."

I had planned to send out a separate letter to everyone on the mail list to see who is interested in getting together, and where they want to get together.

At this point, call or email me at 507-647-3526 or kais0063@umn.edu and let me know where you are and what dates and times would work well for you.

I will be sending out a calendar with dates that don't work for me. But, please, you don't have to wait for me to get together. We will be compiling and coordinating as we go.

And I will be contacting SFA National Headquarters for a list of SFA members in the North and South Dakota area (who are not already in some other Chapter) to see about getting to know those folks. Which just might be a really good transition to:

The Jon Krancich Memorial Ride. From Ron: We decided to start the event with a steak fry, bring your own steak, on Sunday evening at 1800 to setup some plans for Monday and establish linkup times. Monday will be the ride to Devils Tower followed by lunch somewhere in the Spearfish Canyon and maybe finish up at the Veterans Cemetery with a few words.

I and Curt have had a lot of inquiries this year about when and where, so it seems the interest is up. We look forward to seeing those who can make it and hearing from those who just want to stay in touch.

Background: Jon was killed in Afghanistan by a suicide bomber in Dec of 2006. Last year we went to Sturgis, the week before the big Sturgis stuff, and it was great,

no long lines, but yet we could still experience Sturgis without the crowds.

WHO: Past and present Rangers, SF and friends of those throughout the years, wives and girlfriends are also invited.

WHAT: Rides (Devils Tower, Mount Rushmore, Sturgis, Lead and Deadwood, Hot Springs, Needles, Crazy Horse, etc.) and Campfire get together.

WHERE: Chris' Camp, 701 Christenson Drive, Spearfish SD (1-800-350-2239), the campground has sites for tents or full hookups for the big rigs, it also has two shower houses, and a pool.

WHEN: July 25th 2009 through the morning of August 2nd, 2009

WHY: To remember fallen brothers, reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Sometimes how: You don't have to have a bike, Speedy came last year with his daughter and still was a part of everything we did. You don't have to stay at the campground you can also stay in one of the many hotels within a mile of the campground (Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn.)

Please disseminate this as far and wide as possible, we look forward to seeing old friendly faces and some new ones as well. Take care, Ron Reule, 507-318-9935

The All Airborne Motorcycle Club, from Frank. Anyone that is interested can e-mail me at frank82ndabn@hotmail.com or they can call me at 763 717 6864 or 612 270 8568 my cell.

Missing Chapter Banner: I could not find the Chapter banner. The banner is green nylon with yellow letters (Special Forces Association, Chapter XX, with crest), about 3' tall and 6' long. If you have the banner, or you think you know who has it, please give me a call, Dan at 507-647-3526.