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# The "20/20" Flash

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## The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next business meeting is at the

# Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Jul 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

The Meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

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.

Things to talk about:

- the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade,
- the Minnesota and the Civil War Exhibit at the Minnesota Military Museum at Camp Ripley,
- the Krancich Memorial Ride (31 July),
- All Airborne Days at Fort Snelling (13 Aug),
- the Annual Chapter Picnic (Sep),
- The Lao Veteran Support
- the St. Paul Central High School Band Project,
- and the Drop Input.

Upcoming activities are listed on a separate sheet. Designed specifically so you can pull it out and put it on your refrigerator. (Or was it designed so you could fold it up and put it in your pocket?) Either way: Come on out to some activity or other, you owe it to yourself.

After Action Reviews: The May Business Meeting was on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and present were:  
Jeff Arnold      Oly Olson

Bob Bradow	John Roy
Doug Brown	Bouachan Sinouthasy
Colonel Khao	John Stepan
Tim Kirk	Somkhith Mounthapanya
Ed Komac	Jack Running
Ron Lachelt	Ernie Lamson
Matt Mitlyng	Dan Kaiser

The meeting started at 7:05. John S. made a motion to accept the April Meeting Minutes, as printed in the May Newsletter. Oly seconded the Motion and it was carried.

Matt gave the Financial Report. Doug made a motion to accept the Financial Report. Oly seconded the motion and it was carried.

John S. made a motion to reimburse the cost of flowers for Tim Kirk's daughter. John R. seconded the motion and it was carried.

We collected donations for the St. Paul Central High School Band Project.

Dan asked for a volunteer to compile the quarterly input for the DROP. No one volunteered, so we moved on.

John S. discussed Airborne Dayz at the Drop Zone.

We discussed the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade, the Krancich Memorial Ride, All Airborne Days, and the Chapter Picnic.

Tim Kirk thanked everyone for their support in the tragic death of his daughter. He said seeing the SF and Airborne folks

there was important to him, his wife, and their kids.

Ed mad a motion to close the meeting at 7:45. John R. seconded the motion and it was carried.

**The June Business Meeting** was on June 7<sup>th</sup> and present were:

Jeff Arnold	John Stepan
Pat Gallagher	Art Videen
Colonel Khao	Travis Hofeld
Ed Komac	Laurie Johnson
Ron Lachelt	Jack Running
John Roy	Dawn Dettinger
Bouachan Sinouthasy	Dan Kaiser

We re-introduced Pat Gallagher to the folks at the meeting. It had been sometime since Pat was able to attend a meeting and, on a whim, he came out to the meeting. Pat was with started with 7<sup>th</sup> Group and then 5<sup>th</sup> Group, finishing with the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> Groups as his job took him around the country. He finished with the 13<sup>th</sup> Psyops, with Doug Bekke, here in Minnesota.

We did not have May Meeting Minutes or a financial report to approve.

Jack Running spoke on presenting our donations to the St. Paul Central High School Band director. Jack presented the check during a class and spoke with the class. He then spoke to someone important, and while I want to say it was the Superintendent, now I am not sure.

A while back we were talking about how we could help the Lao Vets on Vet issues. Jeff Arnold was asked to re-focus on this topic and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Jeff did discuss the Lao Veterans Association and the need for two volunteers for the Board of Directors, to cover 501-c-3 issues. Two folks volunteered, but I forgot to write down their names.

John S. talked about Airborne Dayz at the Drop Zone.

Dawn let the folks know about the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) General John W. Vessey, Jr Chap-

ter's activities for the 236<sup>th</sup> Army Birthday and Flag Day at Historic Fort Snelling.

We talked about the Two Harbors Heritage Days Parade. We identified which flags we will need for the Parade and Jack said he would bring them to the July Meeting.

While Jack will send the carriers for the flags, but someone said we should see if Jim Hovda is going to attend. Someone else, and I can't remember whom, was going to call Jim to see if Jim could bring the harness again. Jim's harness put the weight of the flags on your shoulders, as compared to your neck. One way, or the other, we will have harnesses.

Jeff showed the Honorary Chapter Membership Certificate that we will present to Scott "Scooter" Reitan up at Two Harbors. Scooter has, for as long as I can remember been at the Larson's and he has driven our sick-lame-and-lazy truck every time.

We talked about calling cadence during the parade. Last year we called a cadence or two at the end of the parade. The cadences were well received and folks said we should do them again this year.

If someone steps forward to call cadences during the parade, then we will go with cadences. If not, ... well ....

Jack Running talked briefly about the Richfield Parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Some folks will be in the parade, but I never figured out whom. If you are interested in the Richfield 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, call Jack Running.

Jack Running discussed the Veteran's Day activities and the All Airborne Ball in November.

Ed made a motion to close. John R. seconded the motion and it was carried.

**Airborne Dayz at the Drop Zone:** While I don't have a good After Action Report, let's see what we can do. This is not s good AAR because I did not get the names of all of the SF, Airborne, friends and family who were able to make it out to the Drop Zone. As a matter of fact, I did a terrible job at taking

down names. And the only feeble excuse I have, is that it was ....

It was a cold, windy day with thick, low hanging clouds for as far as the eye could see. Sweatshirts and coats were the uniform of the day. We had to lean into the wind or it would push you over. I spent the day waiting for the skies to start drizzling on us.

Other than that, it was a great day. There was a still a good turn out of people. And while I did not take names, the Lao brought two big pans of absolutely great egg rolls and fried rice. They also had sticky rice for those that wanted it.

We started a fire in their little rolling fire pit and Jack Running, and a couple of other folks, put up a windscreen.

We did have two World War II vets show up, including John Hankes from Hastings and an 82<sup>nd</sup> Paratrooper who I did not get a chance talk to.

Ed Komac did get a chance to talk to the 82nd Airborne Paratrooper and Ed wrote about it in an email.

The gentleman is 90-year-old and he made all the 82nd's combat jumps. Ed asked: Sir, why did you go Airborne?

He said he was drafted in 1941 and after basic training he was assigned to an armor division. The first day he got into a tank and they closed the hatch on him, he found out he was claustrophobic.

The next day the cadre asked for anyone who would like to volunteer to be Airborne. The 82<sup>nd</sup> Paratrooper said he was the first in the line.

He continued: In hindsight, with all the combat I saw, I might have been better off staying in tanks.

### **Projects: St. Paul's Central High School**

**Band:** We continue to try and raise funds to purchase an instrument for the band.

### **From Around the Chapter:**

**From Craig Brown:** Forward: Website on Ballast Effect - 9mm to 50 cal.

Thought you guys would enjoy this. Too bad they didn't also test with Individual Battle Armor to see what penetrated and what the damage was.

<http://www.theoutdoorstrader.com/showthread.php?48582-Ballistic-effects-9mm->

**From Matt Mitlyng:** Forward: Article on OSS training at the Congressional Country Club. <http://bigpeace.com/pkodonnell/2011/06/16/the-u-s-open-flash-gordon-inglorious-basterds-and-the-commando-raid-to-kill-bin-laden/>

**From Tim Guth:** Subject: F-35 Electro-Optical Distributed Aperture System. From a retired marine pilot friend, on the new fifth generation fighter, F-35: here's a link to an unclassified Northrop-Grumman marketing video on the system. Amazing stuff. Lets you "look through the floor of the cockpit" among other things! Hope you find it interesting. <http://www.es.northropgrumman.com/solutions/f35targeting/assets/eodasvideo.html>

**And:** A parapsydokian sentence consists of two parts where the first is a figure of speech and the second an intriguing variation of the first. They're used typically for humorous or dramatic effect. Enjoy these!

Never argue with an idiot. He'll drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

If I agreed with you we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

The early bird might get the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.

How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?

Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand at the edge of a pool and throw fish.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Women will never be equal to men till they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut and still think they're sexy.

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

You don't need a parachute to skydive, but you do need one to skydive again.

The voices in my head may be fake, but they have good ideas!

Hospitality is making your guests feel like they're at home, even if you wish they were.

I scream the same way whether I'm about to be eaten by a shark or seaweed touches my foot.

Some cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go.

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

**And:** On Angel Flight: This video is about a song called "Angel Flight" and how it came about. It is terrific. The first part is about how

and why they decided to write this song and the last part is the song being performed with "effects." Listen to the words of the pilot and the tower, and make sure you sit quiet and listen to the very end. You will understand why one of the singers said he would be glad to help with the song ... if he could stop crying. This is beautiful. God bless our Vets!! For those who haven't seen this before, it is well done and honors the people who have a very tough job.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkxiqKj0nU&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgkxiqKj0nU&feature=player_embedded)

### **From Around the SFA:**

**From: Frank Wisniewski;** Forward: SF Trying to Adjust Army Doctrine.

There is an article on SF and doctrine at <http://www.military.com/news/article/May-2011/sf-trying-to-adjust-army-doctrine.html>

**From Bill Snider:** Forward: An article on the Army's Black Beret <http://www.military.com/news/article/army-beret-out-velcro-optional.html?ESRC=army-a>

**From Bryan:** This is a pretty awesome virtual tour of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio, much like the one of the Sistine Chapel. Hope you like it.

<http://www.nmusafvirtualltour.com/full/tour-pkg.html>