



# The Spearhead



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## THE 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FIRST SPECIAL SERVICE FORCE ASSOCIATION REUNION AFTER ACTION REPORT

By: Bill Woon

The 64th Annual Reunion of the First Special Service Force Association was held at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena, MT on August 11 – 14, 2010. The activities started on Wednesday with an impressive static display of modern day equipment and weapons by the 19th and 20th Special Forces Groups. Wednesday evening everyone gathered in the ballroom for a Meet and Greet with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and an evening of visiting and catching up since the 2009 Halifax reunion.

Thursday was a business day, with the first Board of Directors and General Business meetings held in the morning. The static display hosted by the 19th and 20th SFGs continued throughout the day. The joint men's and women's luncheon was honored by the presence of several state Adjutant Generals and members of the National Guard Bureau. Thursday afternoon one group took the Gates of the Mountains boat trip up the Missouri River while a second group traveled to Ft Harrison to climb the infamous "Muscle Mountain". Thursday concluded with visiting and stories in the no host hospitality room.

Friday we enjoyed a day at Ft Harrison, with the weather not fully cooperating. The buses arrived at Ft Harrison at 9:30 a.m. and people were toured around the post and saw many of the buildings that the FSSF occupied in 1942/1943. Chaplain Ken DuVall, State Chaplain, Montana National Guard, conducted a service in the Ft Harrison Chapel. The Chapel is the same Chapel the FSSF men attended while they were training in Helena. Following the Chapel service, the recently completed addition to the Montana Military Museum was dedicated. A panel created by Helena artist Matt Egan depicting the lineage of the FSSF to US Special Forces Groups and the Canadian Special Operations Regiment was presented to the Museum by FSSF members Jack Martin and Bill Story. Following lunch at the Service Club, we were bussed to the Ft Harrison training range to observe an air assault by 19th and 20th Special Forces Group teams. The buses then moved to the firing range where SFG team members demonstrated the weapons used in modern day warfare (see picture of FSSF vet, Jack Knight, on page 6). Friday evening the reunion again gathered in the ballroom for an evening of music and visiting.

Saturday morning we moved to the First Special Service Force Monument for the Memorial Service. Twenty FSSF Members were escorted to the park by the Helena Police Department, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Department, and US Army Special Forces Motorcycle Club National President Bill Waldron and Montana Chapter President Bill Jacobson. Special Forces Association Chapter XXVIII conducted the service under the direction of Chapter President COL (Ret) Ike Slaughter. LCol John Vass, Commander, Canadian Special Operations Regiment, was the guest speaker. Following the Memorial Service, we were invited to attend a concert being held in Memorial Park. The concert was hosted by Montana Supporting Soldiers and featured local artist Linda Lanier.

The closing banquet on Saturday evening was held at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, with 277 attending. The emcee for the banquet was Dr. Ken Finlayson, Historian, U.S. Army Special Warfare Center and School. Keynote Speaker was MG Thomas Csrnko, Commanding General, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School. Association President Jack Martin presented the Past President Award to Gene Gutierrez (who was not there due to a severe eye injury). The Canadian General Frederick Award was presented to MCpl Josh Degraaf, CSOR, by Bill Story, and the U.S. General Frederick Award was presented to MSG William J. Dickinson, 10th SFG, by Bill Rachui. Charlie Mann was the recipient of the Eugene McCormick Award. The evening concluded with dancing to the Capital City Swing Band.

It has been an honor to host the 64th Annual First Special Service Force Association Reunion. Thank you to everyone for your support and assistance. It is humbling to be in the presence of the elite men of the FSSF, and the men and women of the United States and Canadian Armed Forces who continue to uphold the "Spirit of the Force". We look forward to seeing you next year in Edmonton.

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 Zeegers, COL Randall (20th SFG(A))

## In Memoriam:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of the following men who did not make the last issue of the Spearhead or have died since the reunion in Helena in 2010:

Leroy Clymer (HQ Co), Loveland, Ohio Mike Grebinsky (5-2), Calgary, Alberta A.H. Poirier (6-2), Montreal, Quebec Victor Wiesenauer (6-3), Auburn, Michigan	Ivan Murray Ehler (1-2), Canso, Nova Scotia Harold J. Massie (Svc. Co.), Washington, Indiana Aubrey Roy Spidle (6-1), Nova Scotia
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I apologize for the delay in getting this out. Someone hacked into my email contact list and was sending numerous emails to everyone in my list trying to sell various items. I deleted my contact list and hope no one has received anything for a few weeks now. If you get something from me with nothing in the subject line or RE in the subject line, please delete it. I responded to one sent to me and I believe that is how it started. Thank you for your patience.

**FSSF License Plates** are available. Price is \$12.00 US and Canadian. Contact Sam Magee at Strathaven Manor, 106-264 King St. E., Bowmanville, ON L1C 1P9 (905) 419-4189 or (905) 430-8716 (FAX)

If you have anything that you would like to be considered for submission in the next issue of the Spearhead, please provide it to me by January 15, 2011.

**First Special Service Force Association**  
**65<sup>th</sup> Reunion**  
**August 10, 11, 12, 13, 2011**  
**Edmonton Mayfield Inn and Suites**

The dates have been set. It will be on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 to Saturday, August 13, 2011. The location will be the Edmonton Mayfield Inn and Suites. They have been great and given us a very nice package. Our special room rate will be \$99/night for two Queen beds. If you want to upgrade you can book a Junior Suite (separate sitting room) and our price will be \$139/night or you can book an Executive Suite (still larger) at a price of \$159/night. Check out the web site below to view the rooms and make your booking. Be sure to tell them at the registration desk that you are attending the 2011 FSSF reunion.

<http://mayfieldinnedmonton.com/> 1-800-661-9804

One of the things that I have arranged to include in the registration package for all registered guests staying at the Mayfield will be a full hot buffet (bacon, eggs, juices, muffins, fruit etc) for two people per room each and every morning. If there are four people per room the cost will be an extra \$10/night/room. The Mayfield Inn & Suites is a very large hotel (over 300 rooms) that caters to conventions and reunions such as ours. In fact, I was told that they have hosted several military functions in the past. They also have a year round dinner theatre (very good), restaurant, lounge, pub and a first class Steak House (Vic's) for those so inclined.

Needless to say, I do not have the finalized itinerary at this time but have been working with Bill Dickson and his friends/contacts in the Edmonton area. In addition to talking with Bill Woon, our CEO, I have been speaking with Lt Col. Vass, Commander of CSOR and Major Doris Gobeil our official CSOR contact for the 2011 reunion. I have also been in contact with Major Kevin Barry of the PPCLI in Edmonton who I met in Helena - he has been great and has agreed to help us in any way that he can.

Bill Dickson will be talking to his contacts this month and getting the word out about the reunion along with the basic details. Registration forms and a more detailed itinerary will be out in subsequent issue of the Spearhead. I will soon be putting together a committee of local people to assist with the planning. I have already had a few people come forward with ideas and offers of assistance so thanks for that. Although I have not determined a registration fee at this time, the hope is to keep it similar to last year. That, of course, will depend on the amount of support we get which is still TBD.

My e-mail address is [brianomartini@yahoo.ca](mailto:brianomartini@yahoo.ca) If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

This picture of Jack Knight firing a machine gun was taken by Eric Morgensen after the luncheon at Fort Henry Harrison. Eric took 50 pictures of just Jack and I am sure glad he captured this moment! I hope to have more photos in the next issue of the Spearhead.



# MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

## Florida Mini-Reunion

The Florida mini-reunion will take place from February 23 to 27, 2011 (Wednesday to Sunday) at the Days Inn near the Florida Mall/Airport. The following is the proposal especially prepared for the First Special Service Force:

The Days Inn team is excited to have the opportunity to host the First Special Service Force at the Days Inn Florida Mall which is only 10 minutes away from the Orlando International Airport and its central location puts their guests only minutes away from all the attractions and convention centers. The Days Inn staff takes pride in making your stay a comfortable and relaxing one.

The group rate is \$42.00 per night. Some of the amenities are a clean comfortable room, where everything is in working order. The property features top quality beds, free breakfast, free parking, refrigerators and microwaves in each room, in room coffee, iron and ironing boards, laundry facilities, sports bar, a fabulous tiki bar, complimentary airport shuttle from the Orlando International Airport, WIFI, business center, local phone calls and fitness room. There is an outdoor swimming pool and kiddie pool. Check in time is 3:00 p.m., if rooms are available for early check in we will be more than happy to accommodate all requests. Check out time is 11:00 a.m. Extended check out time is available for an additional fee of \$25.00 until 2:00 p.m. (after 2:00 p.m. would incur full day rate). Call the hotel today to make your reservations at (407) 855-0308.

### **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE!!!!**

Please contact Fred Conrod with your information including number of people attending, the dates you will be attending, and with any other questions you may have at 1-954-943-1990 or 1-954-942-0761 or email him at [fredconrod@bellsouth.net](mailto:fredconrod@bellsouth.net). His mailing address is Post Office Box 5984, Lighthouse Point, Florida 33074.

### **ANOTHER TRIP TO ITALY Italy Tour May 27- June 5, 2011**

**Submitted by John Hart:** The past Italy tours in 2008 and 2010 were incredible experiences for all who participated. Anyone will tell you that it is truly a Force family experience. We will tour Force sites and Battlefields in the Liri Valley as well as experience the traditions and culture of new and ancient Italy hosted by our extended Italian family and friends. The tour is open to any Forcemen, families or friends. There will be details in the upcoming Spearheads. Please don't hesitate to call, write or email me if you would like to know more at 3047 Cottonwood Way S.W., Medicine Hat Alberta T1B 4J6; (403) 526-7343; and [johnhart@telus.net](mailto:johnhart@telus.net)

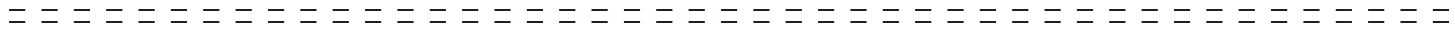
**Submitted by Eric Morgensen:** As many of you know Ken Joyce was working on a new book about the Force, having much to do with the uniforms I believe. As I have gathered many photos from so many of you, some of them MAY be in the book as well. He had asked permission to use some of them if he chose to and those of you who were a part of that group may remember giving the permission. How very exciting! Anyway, I have not yet seen the book itself but hope to have a copy soon. If you are interested please go to <http://www.servicepub.com/> where you can see the cover of the book and purchase it also. Big thanks to Ken for all his hard work in keeping the spirit of the FSSF alive!

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