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THE KENNETH WORTHLEY MEMORIAL CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

The "20/20" Flash

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The Chapter extends its sympathy and condolences to Pat and John on the passing of Pat's sister Rosanne.

New Members: We have added **Doug** to the mailing list. **Keith** came up with the address. Doug was in CCN Recon, but I don't know if Doug and Keith knew each other then, or if they met back here in Minnesota.

SFA National provided us with a list of SFA members-at-large in the Minnesota area. From that list we have added **James, Robert,** and **Tim** to our mailing list. After a couple of emails, we can say James is a CSM in the Army Reserve and Tim is living down in LaCrosse now. As we learn more we will pass it along.

We also met **Bob** and **Andrew** at the All Airborne Days. Bob graduated the SFQC in 1985 and then was in 7th SFGA and USASOC until 1996.

Andrew was in the 160th SOAR followed by an assignment in the 10th Mountain Division. Andrew is currently in Walter Reed Army Hospital and he is looking forward to returning to Minnesota soon.

We also had the pleasure of meeting Khao, Somkhit, Bouachom, and Khamsene at the August Business meeting. These four Lao worked with SF during the Vietnam War. Unfortunately, since I was not at the last meeting, I have no more information. When we get more info, we will let you know.

The Next Chapter Business Meeting:

The next business meeting is at the

Glockenspiel Restaurant Tues, Sep 1st, 2009.

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. 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.)

The big topics will be AAR's (the Summer Odyessey), The Annual Chapter Picnic in September, Veterans' Day on November 11th, the Chapter/Airborne Christmas Dinner, and the Kenneth Worthley Biography.

I will also have copies (to hand out) of:

- The SFA National President's monthly Newsletters, from June and July 09
- The latest issue of the United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) Publication *Veritas*. Articles include the 5th Ranger Battalion in European Theatre, Mike Force in Vietnam, Lodge Act Soldiers, and the First Special Service Force in Italy.
- Membership applications (and a few brochures for) the JFK Special Warfare Museum. The Museum also has two

websites: www.jfkwebstore.com or www.soc.mil/swcs/museum/museum.html

Upcoming Events/ Activities:

Triple Nickel Memorial Stone Dedication
The Dedication for the 555th Parachute Infantry Regiment Memorial Stone in the Airborne Circle at Fort Snelling National Cemetery is

Saturday, Sep 12th,

from 10am to 12pm.

The dedication corresponds to the Triple Nickel Annual Reunion, held here in the Twin Cities over that weekend.

You can find a map for the Airborne Circle at the Midwest All Airborne Website. The web address is listed later in this Newsletter. Or you can just show up at Fort Snelling Cemetery and look for the Airborne guys.

Support your World War II Paratrooper Veterans,

See you there.

Veterans Day, November 11th: The really dedicated folks (the workers) get together at 6:30 in the morning. It starts with the Flag Raising at the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial on the State Capitol grounds behind the Veterans Affairs Building and is then followed by a spirited breakfast at the Kelly Inn.

The Ceremony starts at 1100 hours. Ray is the guest speaker. The Civil War Re-enactors return this year, with three ranks of members carrying musket, for the Honor Guard Firing Detail.

The Flag of Honor that will fly during the ceremony will be that of Chapter XV member Ken Johnson who died accidentally in March 2008.

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

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| Jeff | Ron |
| Doug | Dan |
| Tim | Travis |
| Ed | Laurie |
| Ron | Rich |
| John | Trudell |
| Oly | Jack |
| John | and Dawn |

John S. made a motion to accept the June Meeting Minutes, as published in the July Newsletter. Ron L. seconded the motion and it carried.

No Financial Report was given. Matt was unable to attend the meeting.

We talked about Two Harbors: Ron L. volunteered to carry the flags up to Two Harbors. We did a quick headcount of folks who were planning to attend, for Keith and Jean

We talked briefly about the Jon Krancich Memorial Ride.

We discussed the All Airborne Days: The wrong date was in the Newsletter but we figured people would be able to figure it or that they would call. Trudell mentioned that flyers had gone out. We had a discussion on the mailing lists. And it was suggested to wear shirts and hats with unit or Airborne affiliation.

John Stepan discussed the next Wounded Warrior lunch. It will be on

September 20th

but I did not catch where it will be held. (More information to follow)

Talk included that supporting the Wounded Warrior Lunch is not a Chapter XX activity,

but rather an Airborne thing that the Chapter was point on (in the form of John S.) Trudell

The Christmas Dinner Silent Auction

Just a reminder that you can donate items for the Christmas Silent Auction.

If you are interested in donating something for the silent auction, contact Tricia (612-807-6281, T_Hofeld@hotmail.com) or Dan (507 -647-3526, kais0063@umn.edu)

asked that someone attend the Midwest All Airborne Alliance and John said he would be at their meeting.

Ed made a motion that John S. be authorized to represent the Chapter at meetings for the Wounded Warrior Lunch. The motion was seconded by John R. and carried.

We still have not gotten the CSOR Prop Blast Mug back from the Post Office. Doug did get another artillery casing. Keith will get it bead blasted and we expect to get the reserve parachute rip cord handles through Trudell and Jerry.

Jeff provided information for Ken Worthley's Biography and Tim is working with Bob to get more information.

Dan noted that the Summer Odyssey plan has not worked out very well. We will see where it goes.

Trudell discussed the 555th Parachute Infantry Regiment Memorial Stone Dedication at the Airborne Circle in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The Dedication will be Saturday, September 12th, 2009 during the Triple Nickel's Reunion here in the Twin Cities; more information to follow.

John provided copies of the Memorial for Kenneth Worthley that he made arrangements for down in Florida. He said that he was sending a separate folder of the Memorial to the Worthley family.

John also provided more pens, with the SF arrowhead and "Chapter XX, Special Forces Association," to the Chapter.

As a final note, at some point during the night Tim mentioned that his daughter Elizabeth graduated from high school and that she is on her way to Anoka-Ramsey County Community College. Congratulations.

There being no further business, we adjourned the meeting at 7:45 and then we socialized for quite a while.

The Chapter August Business Meeting:

Present at the meeting were:

Jeff	Bouachom
Ed	Khamsene

Ron	Laurie
Don	Trudell
John	Jack
Art	Howard
Khao	Olaf
Somkhit	

and Cindy, Kerry, Tricia, and Travis.

John S. led the meeting. John R. said he would contact Dan T. about the pig roast. And that is all I know.

The Two Harbors Heritage Day Parade

On July 11th, the Chapter gathered in Two Harbors for the Heritage Days Parade. We started Friday evening at Keith and Jean's for Dinner. The food was great, the company was inspiring: John and Pat, Tim and Shelia with their daughter Elizabeth, Mike and Sue, Gary, Bob, Dan and his nephew Patrick.

Saturday morning we made the trip down to the Volunteer Fire Department for the Pancake Breakfast where Ellen joined the entourage. After breakfast we moved to the objective rally point for the parade and we were joined by Roger and Berle, Ron, and Pat and his wife.

After the parade, most of the town packs into the American Legion where three of the marching bands play a few more songs. And since the Chapter is normally the fourth or fifth unit in the parade (because Keith knows the parade organizer) we moved into the Legion and got good seats early.

The last marching band, from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, surprised us by doing their rendition of The Ballad of the Green Berets.

After the show, we went back out to Keith and Jean's some more visiting and eating. Unfortunately, your fearless reporter hit the road Saturday evening so I have no idea who stayed over on Saturday night, but I am betting breakfast Sunday morning was good.

Lunch with John Hankes. In late July a few members got together in Hastings for lunch.

John, our WWII First Special Service Force (FSSF) veteran and Hastings native, was, essentially, the center of the Lunch. Laurie, daughter of Ted, one of our other FSSF veterans, gets big thanks for setting up the lunch. John, Jerry and Shirley, and Dan were able to attend and we had a great time.

The Jon Krancich Memorial Two Chapter XX members, Ron, with his wife Chris and son Alex, and Dan were able to make it to the Jon Krancich Memorial Bike Ride. Also in attendance were Curt and Janine (Ch 16), Dave (Ch 22), Steve and his daughter Cedar (Ch 56), Jamal (Ch 16), Jerry, and Mitch (Chapter affiliations unknown.)

The Ride was set in motion two years ago by most of the folks in the above paragraph. The Ride happens the week before the Sturgis Bike Rally and is centered in the Spearfish area with rides to Mount Rushmore, the Needles, the Crazy Horse Monument, and Devils Tower.

Editorially, don't let all of the bike riding stuff concern you. This is just a bunch of folks getting together for a big, family vacation, some are old friends and everyone has friends and experiences in common. And, oh, yeah, some of them ride bikes.

Pictures from the trip can be found on the Chapter XX website, <http://www.sfa20.org>.

The Midwest All Airborne Days. The Chapter had a great showing at the Midwest All Airborne Alliance "All Airborne" Picnic. On August 8th Minnesota's Airborne gathered at the Contact Club, on Fort Snelling. It turned out to be a fantastic day for all the folks who were able to attend, including Ron, Dan, Tim, Jim, Dick, John, Ralph, John, Steve, Bob, Ed, Roger, Laurie, Kerry, Tricia, and Dawn.

The high light of the afternoon, at least while I was there, was doing group photos. I am under the impression that the group photos, and photos of the afternoon, will be put up on the Midwest All Airborne Website.

The Summer Odyssey: As an After Action Review, Lunch with John was great, but the overall plan was ineffective. With only one link up, I think we can call the overall plan a bust.

There are other folks out there who were, and I presume still are interested in getting together, I just failed to plan or execute any other link ups.

While I intend to try again next year, at the next Chapter Meeting I will ask if we, as a Chapter, are interested in trying again. Presuming that we try again, I will see if anyone wants to help try and plan this thing out better.

My initial thoughts are to put a calender on the Chapter website and list good times (or bad times) fir getting together. But, we'll see.

From Around the Chapter:

Source Forgotten: The Midwest All Airborne Allaince has a website up and running. Check out www.midwestallairborne.com

This website was created by Ranger Bill and contains many pictures and links. Bill requests that all give it a look and see what he might be missing.

From: AI Subject: free transit for vets with service-connected disability ratings. I ran into this and thought it might be useful to some of the guys.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 174.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to read: Subd. 7. Transit service for disabled veterans. On and after July 1, 2009, an eligible recipient of operating assistance under this section, who contracts or has contracted to provide fixed route public transit, shall provide fixed route public transit service free of charge for veterans, as defined in section 197.447, certified as disabled. For purposes of this section, "certified as disabled" means certified in writing by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or the state commissioner of veterans affairs

as having a permanent service-connected disability.

http://www.minnpost.com/davidhawley/2009/07/17/10299/disabled_vets_can_now_ride_buses_and_lrt_free_but_officials_worry_few_know_about_the_benefit

Editorially: I presume that you have to contact the Transit service before hand. If you pull out your VA disability and show it to a bus driver, he will probably let you ride that time, but only because you are such a great guy.

From Oly: FW: Peace! Quote of the week: "Peace" is that brief, glorious moment in history when everybody stands around reloading. – Anonymous

And: "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is FORCE; like fire, a troublesome servant and a fearful master. Never for a moment should it be left to irresponsible action."

George Washington, 1732-1799, Continental Army Commander and America's first President.

From Around the SFA:

From SFA National HQ's: We have established individual contact email addresses for each of the Board of Officers. Please share with the membership. This will allow members to communicate directly with the appropriate officer who is responsible for various issues (the Secretary for membership issues and the Treasurer for financial issues etc).

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From Tom Crowley, Chapter 91: Chapter XCI (91,) The Crossed Swords Chapter, in Baghdad, has a new batch of coins for interested collectors. The price is \$20 and includes shipping and insurance. Coins can

be purchased through one of the Chapter's wives at the following address:

Dale Crowley
 PO Box 51
 Bath, ME 04530-0051

From Bill Snider, Chapter 9, Secretary.

Subject: LTG William Yarborough Statue.

General Brown confirmed to Rudi Gresham that permission has been granted to construct a statue commemorating LTG William Yarborough at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum in downtown Fayetteville, NC. H. Ross Perot is commissioning and funding the statue honoring the "Father of the modern-day Green Berets." Go to the SFA HQ website, log in, and read it at <http://www.specialforcesassociation.org/forum/s/showthread.php?t=2221>

From Bob: Veterans News & Information, "Aid and Attendance"

"Aid and Attendance" is an underutilized special monthly pension benefit offered by the Veterans Administration for veterans and surviving spouses who require in-home care or live in nursing homes.

To qualify, a veteran (includes the surviving spouse) must have served at least 90 days of active military service, one day of which is during a period of war, and must be discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

The veteran's benefit is \$18,234 annually (paid monthly) and an increase to \$21,615 if a veteran has one dependent. The surviving spouse alone is \$11,715 annually.

For more information, call 1-800-827-1000 Visit <http://www.va.gov> (type "Aid and Attendance" in the search block), or contact your local VA office.

Apply on-line at <http://vabenfits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>

Websites to Visit:

From Jeff: Fwd: Another National Geographic video on Special Forces. An SF buddy

sent me this. You'll need a cold beer and a bowl of popcorn. It's about an hour... enjoying...<http://www.hulu.com/watch/63237/inside-special-forces>

And: Subject: Fwd: New parachute video at <http://vimeo.com/groups/16904/videos/5614487>

From Craig: Subject: Fw: India-Pakistan border ceremony. I think the Brits have been outdone here.

<http://videos.komando.com/2009/07/25/india%e2%80%93pakistan-border-ceremony/>

From Bryan: Subject: Fw: Norwegian Military Tattoo. WOW! Amazing! Take a look at this! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7gS7iq3S1ME>

PROJECTS:

The Kenneth Worthley Bio: We have been collecting information. Now we just have to start organizing it.

82nd Airborne Division Association Viking Chapter: Ed is trying to restart the Viking Chapter of 82nd Airborne Division Association. He wants to hear from anyone interested in getting the Viking Chapter going again. You can give Ed a call at 612-706-9480.

From Jan, Fw: Advice

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
- 5.. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.

10. Take one day at a time.

11. Separate worries from concerns . If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety . If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it.

12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases. have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.

14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.

15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.

16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.

17. Get enough rest

18. Eat right.

19 Get organized so everything has its place.

20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.

21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.

22. Every day, find time to be alone.

23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.

24. Make friends with Godly people.

25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.

26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you Jesus . '

27. Laugh.

28. Laugh some more!

29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.

30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).

31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).

32. Sit on your ego

33 Talk less; listen more.

34. Slow down.

35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe.

36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before.

From Jack: Very interesting the University is standing by their professor and not bowing down to special interest groups!

"Professor Wichman"

The story begins at Michigan State University with a mechanical engineering professor named Indrek Wichman. Wichman sent an e-mail to the Muslim Student's Association. The e-mail was in response to the students' protest of the Danish cartoons that portrayed the Prophet Muhammad as a terrorist. The group had complained the cartoons were 'hate speech.'

Enter Professor Wichman. In his e-mail, he said the following:

Dear Moslem Association,

As a professor of Mechanical Engineering here at MSU I intend to protest your protest. I am offended not by cartoons, but by more mundane things like beheadings of civilians, cowardly attacks on public buildings, suicide murders, murders of Catholic priests (the latest in Turkey), burnings of Christian churches, the continued persecution of Coptic Christians in Egypt, the imposition of Sharia law on non-Muslims, the rapes of Scandinavian girls and women (called 'whores' in your culture), the murder of film directors in Holland, and the rioting and looting in Paris France

This is what offends me, a soft-spoken person and academic, and many, many of my colleagues. I counsel you dissatisfied, aggressive, brutal, and uncivilized slave-trading Moslems to be very aware of this as you proceed with your infantile 'protests.'

If you do not like the values of the West - see the 1st Amendment –you are free to leave. I hope for God's sake that most of you choose that option.

Please return to your ancestral homelands and build them up yourselves instead of troubling Americans.

Cordially, I. S. Wichman, Professor of Mechanical Engineering

As you can imagine, the Muslim group at the university didn't like this too well. They're demanding that Wichman be reprimanded and the university impose mandatory diversity training for faculty and mandate a seminar on hate and discrimination for all freshmen.

Now the local chapter of CAIR has jumped into the fray. CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, apparently doesn't believe that the good professor had the right to express his opinion.

For its part, the university is standing its ground in support of Professor Wichman, saying the e-mail was private, and they don't intend to publicly condemn his remarks.

From Ron L.: A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there is a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He has been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back.

'Oh my, I am so sorry,' the woman says as she pops her eye back in place.

'Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you,' she says. They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens. After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful, wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible!

'You know,' he said, ' you are the perfect woman. Are you this nice to every guy you meet?'

'No,' she replies. . . 'You just happened to catch my eye.'