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SUBJECT: Chapter Membership Meeting Saturday 9 February 2002

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was brought to order with the playing of the Ballad of the Green Beret at 1017 hours.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pres. Ron Rismon, V. Pres. Bill Gates, Sec. Bill Smith, Treas. Wayne Karvonen, Members Ron Bohne, Y-Jut Buonto, Y-Ser Buonto, Jorge Calero, Mike Cassidy, Red Davis, Gene De La Montagne, Hom Deo, Hoa Dieu, Skip Ettinger, Craig Forster Jr, Wolf Gartner, Larry Gossett, Ken Hall, Al Hill, Mike Karr, Steve Kubiszewski, Hoa Lo, Lun Lo, Sam Lo, Sinh Lo, Choi Ly, Nick Marvais, Richard Miller, Jody Nancy, Kiet Nguyen, Thuy V. Nguyen, Al Park, Dan Perry, Hoan Pham, Joseph Phan, Joe Polka, Thun Rcom, Tom Regan, Del Richards, Phil Robbins, Jake Robinson, Tom Thurber, Hoang Truong, Su Vu, and Mike Woods.

WIVES PRESENT: Alice Calero, Nancy Davis, Judy Griffin, Stephanie Gates, Thuy Nguyen, Debbie Perry, Diane Regan, and Terry Rismon.

GUEST: Roger Griffin, John Holloway, Juong Minh, Nga Nguyen, Eulis Presley, George Townley, and Lily Walton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice Pres. Bill Gates led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER: The Special Forces Prayer was offered as the opening prayer by Chaplain Jake Robinson.

WELCOME & PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pres. Capt Ron Rismon welcome all to Chapter XVI's Team House and had guest and new members introduced. He announced we had received a card from MG Geoffrey C. Lambert thanking us for the hospitality shown to him and soldiers of the 1st SFG(A) at the wake held in our illustrious team house for SFC Nathan R. Chapman. Capt Ron pointed out the SAS Beret donated to the team house by member Mike Wardle of Bulwell Nottingham, England. He also called attention to the plaques and pictures that had been added to our wall of honor by him and Sol Saffery since our last meeting.

SECRETARY'S and TREASURER'S REPORTS: Sec. Bill Smith informed attendees that a member had objected to the section in our Meeting Minutes from 8 December 2001 titled Donations and Subscription Fees. That section stated: It was decided monies received by the chapter from an individual member that are designated for the newsletter in excess of \$10.00 during a calendar year would be considered donations to the general fund. Treasurer Wayne Karvonen said in practice that is not how the money is accounted for. While there is only one account, the general fund, Wayne tracks donations and if the donor specifies a particular purpose for a donation that is recorded. If a donation is received that states "for the newsletter", the donor is credited with paid in advance years of newsletter subscriptions to the extent possible. If newsletter donations are not in multiples of ten, the odd amounts are placed in the general fund but it is noted that the donations are for the newsletter.

Ken Hall made a motion that with the above correction the minutes of our last meeting are accepted as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Mike Karr and approved by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chapter XVI/1st SFGA Raffle. CSM Jody Nancy announced the joint raffle prizes are 1st prize a Colt 45

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A Lesson in Murphy's Law

"If anything can go wrong, it will—at the worst possible moment."

I was recently reminded the hard way that Murphy is a Sneaky-Pete who delights in reminding us that he's really in charge.

Between my computer crashing and the ensuing cost of getting it back up to speed I discovered that I lost all of my back-up files and data. In addition to this minor catastrophe I found that the original software this publishing program came on was terminally corrupted and unusable.

Anyway, after some additional expense, we are now back up and running. Humble apologies at the delay in getting the NL done this month. Next month will be better..... I hope.

Woody

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Secretary's Notes

William "Bill" Smith Esq.

With all the effort and services that Bill Smith provides the chapter, it is easy to forget that he, like most of us is a devoted family man and Grandpa.

Here is a poem Bill sent us written by his granddaughter Alyssa. She is a high school junior whose dad is over there somewhere doing his part in fighting the war on terrorism. Keep up the good work Alyssa.

The Lonely Soldier

by Alyssa Smith

There he lie on his little cot
With memories of home
Dancing in his head.
The scent of his wife's perfume
Filled the air around him.
As he opened his wallet
A picture fell out.
It was the family portrait
They took last year.
As he admired the photo
A tear fell from his eye.
There he lie on his little cot

January Financial Report

Checking Acct

Begin Balance	\$2,188.08
Deposit	\$3,799.03
Disburse	\$1,627.37
End Balance	\$4,359.74

Savings Acct

Begin Balance	\$56.64
Interest	<u>\$9.83</u>
End Balance	\$56.72

CD Acct

Begin Balance	\$3,043.68
Interest	<u>\$9.83</u>
End Balance	\$3,053.51

QM Sales

Begin Balance	\$1,320.91
Deposit	\$375.00
Disburse	<u>\$1,055.48</u>
End Balance	\$640.43

Total Accounts	\$8,110.40
Physical Assets	<u>\$3,700.00</u>
Total Net Worth	\$11,810.40

Chaplain Jake's Corner

Kindness and Love

If you will study the history of Christ's ministry from Baptism to Ascension, you will discover that it is mostly made up of little words, little deeds, little prayers, little sympathies, adding themselves together in unwearied succession. The Gospel is full of divine helps to attempt to help and heal, in body, mind, and heart, individual men. The complete beauty of Christ's life is only added beauty of little inconspicuous acts of beauty - talking with the woman at the well; going far up into the north country to talk with Syrophenician woman; showing the young ruler the stealthy ambition laid away in his heart that kept him out of the kingdom of Heaven; shedding a tear at the grave of Lazarus; teaching the little knot of followers how to pray; preaching the Gospel one Sunday afternoon to two disciples going out to Emmaus; kindling a fire and broiling fish that His disciples might have a breakfast waiting for them when they came ashore from a night of fishing, cold, tired, and discouraged. All of these things let us in so easily into the real quality and tone of God's interests, so specific, so narrowed down, so enlisted in what is small, so engrossed with what is minute.

Math Problems

Little Faith was at home doing her math homework. She said to herself, "Two plus five, the son of a bitch is seven. Three plus six, the son of a bitch is nine." At that moment, her mother came in and heard what she was saying. "Faith! What are you doing?! Why are you saying that?!" Little Faith answered, "I'm doing my Math homework, Mom." The mother then asked, "Is that what your teacher taught you?" Little Faith replied, "Yes." The next day, the mother, worried about the education her daughter was receiving, went to her school to talk to the teacher. The mother questioned the teacher, "I'dlike to know what you are teaching my daughter in Math?" The teacher replied, "Right now, we are learning addition problems." Faith's mom asked, "And are you teaching them to say, 'Two plus two, the son of a bitch is four?'" Hysterical laughter erupted from the teacher, which totally surprised the mother. When the teacher stopped laughing, she replied, "Not at all! What I taught them was, 'Two plus two... THE SUM OF WHICH IS four'."



Bi-Monthly Chapter Potluck

Saturday 6 April, Chapter XVI will meet at the Teamhouse for a business meeting followed by a potluck.

Come to the meeting at 10:00 if you have an issue to discuss or if you're curious about the inner workings of a finely-tuned organization and the potluck begins around noon.

Please bring a covered dish to share and a small fee of \$5 per individual or \$7 per family for drinks.

Events include a 50/50 drawing, raffles and Chaplain Jake's BS (Best Story) award. Directions on page 10 and posted on the chapter website SFChapterXVI.org



Dinosaurs' Luncheon

The last Friday of each month, you will find Special Forces dinosaurs congregating at the American Lake club on Ft. Lewis at 11:30 hours. Enter the North Fort Gate, go to the first traffic light and take a right followed by another immediate right; follow the road as it doglegs around the lake and you will arrive at the club. If you do not have a DoD sticker or ID card you must go to the Main Gate to get a pass. Please allow extra time for this. Next lunch 29 March.

"JK" Wright Memorial Breakfast

The JK Wright Memorial is held in memory of our fallen comrades on first Saturday of each month. This time provides all of us the opportunity to remember those who have gone on to the DZ in the sky.

Join Chaplain Jake and fellow members at **The Chieftain** 3015 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma. Ph# 253-475-1313.



Volunteers Needed

Calling all Chapter 16 members. Your involvement and help are needed. There are positions open for "new blood" within the organization.

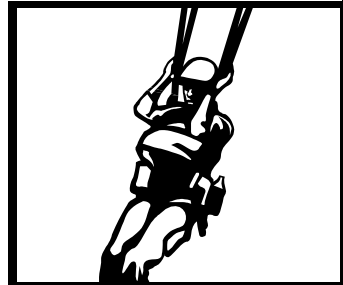
In particular the following positions are vacant or will be vacant by June. Please consider throwing your hat into the ring!

- Chapter Secretary
- Advisory Board member
- SFA POC & Membership Coordinator
- Newsletter Editor

Chapter VP Bill Gates is calling for volunteers to help coordinate the annual picnic this year. If you are interested in assisting in ANY aspect of helping with the chapter picnic, please contact him ASAP. August will be here before you know it. The following are just a few of the areas where we need help:

- Advertising
- Prize donations/solicitation
- Setup/cleanup crew
- Cooking/BBQ committee
- Golf tournament
- Entertainment

Think about it, we need as many chapter members as possible to help make this annual event even better. Contact Bill at (253) 931-8918 or WmGatesGeo@aol.com



Chapter XVI Events

March

Saturday 2 Mar
 Sunday 17 Mar
 Tuesday 19 Mar
 Monday 25 Mar
Friday 29 Mar
 Friday 29 Mar
 Sunday 31 Mar

0900 JK Wright Breakfast
 Saint Patrick's Day
 Saint Joseph's Day
 Medal of Honor Day
1130 Dino Luncheon
 Good Friday
 Easter

April

Monday 1 Apr
Saturday 6 Apr
Saturday 13 Apr
 Sunday 7 April
Friday 26 Apr

April Fool's Day
0900 JK Wright Breakfast
1000 Chapter XVI Meeting
 Daylight Savings Time Begins
1130 Dino Luncheon

May

Saturday 4 May
 Sunday 12 May
 Monday 27 May
Friday 31 May

0900 JK Wright Breakfast
 Mothers Day
 Memorial Day
1130 Dino Luncheon

June

Saturday 1 June
 Friday 14 June
 Sunday 16 June
Friday 28 June

0900 JK Wright Breakfast
 Flag Day
 Fathers Day
1130 Dino Luncheon

July

Thursday 4 July
Saturday 6 July
Friday 26 July

Independence Day
0900 JK Wright Breakfast
1130 Dino Luncheon

Great Works of Efficiency

Pythagorean theorem:
24 words

The Lord's Prayer: 66 words.

Archimedes' Principle: 67 words.

The Ten Commandments:
179 words.

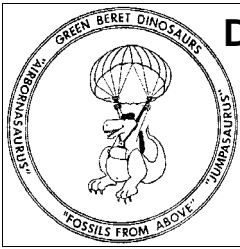
Lincoln's Gettysburg address:
286 words.

The US Declaration of Independence:
1,300 words.

The US Government regulations on the sale of cabbage:
26,911 words.



Chapter XVI Happenin's



DINO'S LUNCHEON 25 January

Here are the SFA members who attended the 25 Jan 02 Dino's Luncheon plus guests:

Ed & Erma Booth, Mike Cassidy, Gene Econ, Skip Ettinger, Juan Fernandez,

Fred Fiedler, Bill & Tamako Frye, Lonnie Garrison, Bill Gates, Walt Hetzler, John Holloway, Mike Karr, Bud Lawson, Nick Marvais, Andrew Miller, Bill Morrow, Roland Niqui, Bill & Kyong Pere, Eulis Presley, Del Richards, Mike Riel, Hugo & Christine Sills, Tom Weeks, Gene & Kiyoko Williams, and Gary Wright. Guest were: Clay Fowler, Mike & Ginger Linskey, and Bob Meyer

DINO'S LUNCHEON 22 Feb

About the most exciting thing that happen at this month's Dino Luncheon was that Capt Ron couldn't get on post until he called the club to get someone to say they knew him and it was ok for him to come to the club.

Jerry Burnett is working on a project to get textbooks and technical books that have been returned to publishers so he can ship them to Afghanistan. Jerry and Capt Ron discussed the matter and those in attendance were in support of the noble operation. The Chapter will help with the project.

We had nineteen SFA members and five wives in attendance. They were Ron Bohne, Jerry Burnett, Sa Won Chang, Bob & Joanne Dimond, Skip Ettinger, Bill & Tamako Frye, Lonnie Garrison, Wolf Gartner, Mike Karr, Nick Marvais, Bill & Erika Morrow, Bill & Kyong Pere, Eulis Presley, Del Richards, Ron Rismon, Bill Smith, Tom Weeks, Gene & Kiyoko Williams, and Gary Wright.



Annual Massing of the Colors

A small contingent of chapter 16 members attended the annual massing of the colors held at Fort Lewis, last week. Attendees were: Tom Regan, CPT Ron, and Sol Saffery.

Sol carried the National Colors with Tom Regan carrying the SF Standard as part of the larger group of flag and standard bearers for the annual event.

Eye Exams/Glasses

TRICARE and Medicare do not cover routine eye exams, ophthalmologist's care, or treatment of eye conditions. However, if given a new prescription during your visit check out the local Military Treatment Facility [MTF]. MTFs will fill optical prescriptions for retirees, subject to local capacity and funding. Retirees can now obtain DoD glasses by mail without an exam by a military optometrist. Have your civilian optometrist fill out DD Form 771 and mail to NOSTRA/NWS, PO Box 350, Yorktown VA 23691. This form can be obtained from your local RAO or downloaded at <http://web1.whs.osd.mil/icdhome/FORMS.htm>. Glasses only authorized for the retiree, not dependents

JK Wright Memorial Breakfast 2 February

Those who attended the breakfast were: Ron Bohne, Jerry Burnett, Monty Busby, Glen Craig, Gary Gartner, Ken Hall, Mike Karr, Wayne & Yoko Karvonen, Nick Marvais, Al Park, Dan & Debbie Perry, Eulis Presley, Del Richards, Jake Robinson, Bill Smith, and Mike Woods

Military Lodging

Active duty and military retirees can check on the availability of billeting at military facilities anywhere in the world through one toll-free call. The toll-free number (800) 462-7691 connects callers with a central reservation system that can provide information on availability's and book rooms. Navy Lodge guests can reserve rooms by logging onto NEXCOM's Website www.navy-nex.com. Guests can reserve a room or change, cancel, or confirm a reservation by accessing the Navy Lodge online registration link on the Website. The request is sent to the Navy Lodge Program's Central Reservation Center (CRC) in Jacksonville, Fla., for processing. Guests should receive an e-mail confirmation on any change made within 24 hours. If no confirmation number is given, guests can call the CRC at 1-800-NAVY-INN. Internet reservations cannot be made, changed, or canceled later than two days prior to the arrival date. For more information, visit <http://www.navy-nex.com/> or telephone 1-800-NAVY-INN and speak with the customer service representative. Personnel can also check on the availability of billeting and make reservations at Air Force facilities worldwide at (800) 235-6343. A military Bed & Breakfast Club is available for a fee at (703) 525-3372 or retveille@aol.com [refer to Bulletin article]. The Armed Forces Vacation Club Space "A" rental program allows retirees for a fee to stay seven nights at condominium resorts worldwide. Call [800] 724-9988 or check out www.offdutytravel.com [refer to Bulletin article].

Space "A" Travel Update

Air Mobility Command [AMC] is still operating passenger flights for military and other eligible travelers. There are fewer flights and a few changes passengers must remember when planning to use military or contract aircraft for official or space-available travel. AMC operated missions are under tighter security restrictions and there are enhanced passenger processing measures.

1. passengers must present two forms of ID when checking in for a flight. One must have the passenger's photo.
2. Any sharp edged objects, regardless of length, must be placed in checked baggage, inaccessible to the passenger.
3. All hand-carried items are subject to 100% inspection.
4. Checked bags will also be randomly inspected by AMC

Travelers should anticipate a slowdown in processing and it is recommended you call the AMC terminal for current flight status. You should arrive up to three hours before takeoff. Passengers on Space-A flights should be aware of current force protection conditions which may cause delays at military installations.

There have been no reductions in AMC flights to the Atlantic or Pacific theaters from AMC gateways at commercial terminals, travelers should be aware there are additional precautions at those airports, and plan their arrival time accordingly.

THE HERITAGE

A Condensed History of the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team
Donald E. Abbott

The 503d Parachute Regimental Combat Team, World War II, began with the activation of the 503d Parachute Battalion in Fort Benning, Ga, on 21 August 1941. The Battalion was the third of four Parachute Battalions formed before the beginning of World War II. The others were 501, 502 and 504.

On 2 March 1942, the 503rd Parachute Battalion was the nucleus around which the 503d Parachute Infantry Regiment was formed. This was the first of a number of such regiments organized over the next few years. The Regiment was transferred to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in March 1942.

On 20 October 1942, the Regiment left San Francisco on the Merchant Ship Poelau Laut. The first stop was the Panama Canal Zone where the 501st Parachute Battalion was picked up. This battalion was redesignated as the Second Battalion of the 503d, replacing the original 503d's Second Battalion, which had been sent to England and, eventually, redesignated as the 509. The Regiment landed in Cairns, Australia, on 2 December 1942 after a voyage of 43 days and 42 nights. Later the Regiment was expanded into a Combat Team with the assignment of the 462d Parachute Artillery Battalion on 29 March 1944 and the 161st Parachute Engineer Company on 13 September 1944.

During its more than three years service in the Southwest Pacific Theater, the 503d served in five major combat operations. A number of other missions were planned but called off by HQ.

1. The Regiment jumped in the Markham Valley, New Guinea, on 5 September 1943, in the first successful airborne combat jump. The Regiment forced the Japanese evacuation of a major base at Lae to take a route that proved to be disastrous for them. The 3rd Battalion of the 503d had a major skirmish with the rear guard of this exodus. The successful employment of

parachute troops in the Markham Valley has been credited with saving the concept of vertical envelopment from being abandoned following several less than successful engagements in Europe.

2. Two rifle battalions of the 503d Regiment jumped on the Island of Noemfoor off the coast of Dutch New Guinea early in July 1944, followed by an amphibious landing by the other rifle battalion a few days later. The Regiment was employed in the elimination of the Japanese garrison on that Island. Airfields, constructed on Noemfoor after its capture, played a significant role in supporting the advance of Allied troops from New Guinea to the Philippines. Sergeant Ray E. Eubanks was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on Noemfoor.

3. Following a non-combat landing on the Island of Leyte, in the Philippines, the 503d Parachute Regimental Combat Team made a major amphibious landing on the Island of Mindoro, in the central Philippines on 15 December 1944. Originally, it was intended that the 503rd to jump on Mindoro but due to inadequate airstrip facilities on Leyte, an airborne

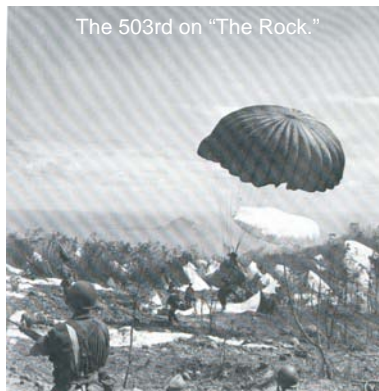
landing was not possible. The purpose of this landing was to secure sites for airstrips providing forward Air Corp bases to support later landings at Lingyen Gulf, Luzon. The Combat Team was subjected to intense air and naval actions during this operation and, at one point, was shelled for 25 minutes by a Japanese Naval task force. One Company of the Combat Team engaged in a fierce battle against a Company-size enemy air raid warning station on the North end of Mindoro. 4. The Combat Team jumped on Fortress Corregidor on 16 February 1945 to liberate that Island from occupying Japanese forces. This was the most vicious combat action in which the Combat Team engaged during its existence. Corregidor was the bastion that withstood a fierce Japanese siege for nearly five months in 1941 and 1942, thereby interrupting the Japanese advance toward Australia. The 503rd was proud to have been allowed the honor of recapturing the island. Japanese sources, within recent years have estimated there were 6,550 Japanese on the Island when the 503rd landed. Of those, only 50 survived. The 503rd, however, lost 169 men killed and many more wounded or injured. The 503rd was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for its actions. Private Lloyd G. McCarter was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery on Corregidor.

5. Almost immediately after returning to Mindoro from Corregidor, the Combat Team was called upon to bolster the 40th Division which was bogged down on the Island of Negros, in the Central Philippines. The Combat team was inserted into Negros by landing craft, although it had been alerted for another combat jump. Japanese forces destroyed a strategic bridge and large lumber mill, thereby eliminating the first jump objectives of the 503d. The 503rd engaged in battles against Japanese resistance in the mountainous areas of Negros for

more than five months. The 40th US Division convinced higher headquarters there were only a few enemy troops remaining on the Island and was moved to Mindanao, leaving the 503rd to battle the Japanese alone. At the end of the War with Japan in August 1945, about 7,500 of the surviving Japanese troops surrendered to the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team.

Official U.S. War Department sources estimated the 503rd killed over 10,000 Japanese troops during its combat operations in the Southwest Pacific. Unfortunately, the 503rd lost many good men in accomplishing its missions. The names of 392 of these men have been identified.

By early November 1945, the 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team ceased to be operational. All men with lengthy service in the Southwest Pacific had been rotated to the United States while those who had served the Combat Team for a shorter time were reassigned to the 11th Airborne Division and sent as occupation troops to Japan. The Regiment was inactivated on 24 December 1945 at Camp Anza, California.



March Celebrations

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Bernhard Alvestad	28 th
Ingrid Alvestad	21 st
Ruth Brumbaugh	5 th
Joy Cassidy	20 th
Ilona Cherry	21 st
Tom Dixon	24 th
Skip Dreps	16 th
H'Bluk Eban	15 th
Richard Foster	17 th
Tanya Garnsey	2 nd
Hanalore Gartner	16 th
Larry Gosset	21 st
Gary Hebert	4 th
Bill Hill	28 th
Carol Johnson	30 th
Shirley Knox	16 th
Tammy Koskey	12 th

Leonela Kuhn	24 th
Theodore Luther	22 nd
Anh Mai	10 th
Greg Marlette	21 st
Kevin Marnell	4 th
Dave Matarazzo	1 st
Shelly Nacy	31 st
Randy Nash	31 st
Kiet Nguyen	23 rd
Thuy Nguyen	15 th
Roland Nuqui	3 rd
Carry Pennington	16 th
Krysalis Polka	29 th
Ronald Riley	6 th
Yesun Underwood	27 th
Ken Warkocki	31 st
Mike Woods	25 th

James & Sherry Lynn Bates	23 rd
John & Mary Ann Card	27 th
Glen & Carol Craig	20 th
Rick & Wynter Dait	7 th
Red & Nancy Davis	31 st
Gene & Sheila DeLaMontagne	2 nd
Jon & Joyce Ann DeFrehn	19 th
Karl & Pra Yong Eickemeyer	18 th
Don & Sumiko Hannah	27 th
Steve & Terri Lillquist	14 th
Toan & Phim Tran Lu	24 th
Al & Martha Sue Miller	26 th
Bill & Erika Morrow	26 th
Randy & Sue Nash	4 th
Carey & Linda Pennington	15 th
Bob & Ada Kathryn Scofield	26 th
Robert & Betty Shafer	29 th
Robert & Lynn Stevens	12 th
Thuong & Linda Thach	28 th

Taps

Sick Call

Concurrent Receipt Lawsuit

First Group reported that they lost another soldier recently, this time however, was due to a traffic accident on Okinawa rather than hostile fire.

SFC Robert Foster of ODA 111, A Co, 1/1, formerly of ODA 151 died of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident on 1 February.

Bob is survived by a wife, three daughters, a son and numerous other family members in his hometown, Flint, Texas.

On Friday 8 February 2002, Fred Fiedler had a day surgery operation on his nose. A side effect of the brain surgery he had previously caused the oil glands in the nose to be over active. This resulted in infection and swelling. Suzanne expects he will be house bound for three weeks.

A lawsuit has been filed in a U.S. district court in San Antonio by attorney Philippe E. Jones, asking for relief and damages for plaintiffs who are being denied military retired pay because they accepted VA disability compensation. The plaintiffs state that they are the only federal retirees who have been forced to fork over \$1 in earned retired pay for every \$1 of VA disability compensation they have been awarded.

Tax Scam

Special Taxpayer Warning

The Michigan Department of Treasury recently received an alert from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) about an e-mail scam.

Some taxpayers have received e-mail from a non-IRS source indicating that the taxpayer is under audit and needs to complete a questionnaire within 48 hours to avoid the assessment of penalties and interest.

The e-mail refers to an "e-audit" and references IRS Form 1040. The taxpayer is asked for SSN, bank account numbers and other confidential information.

The IRS does not conduct e-audits, nor does it notify taxpayers of a pending audit via e-mail. This e-mail is not from the IRS. Do not provide the requested information. This may be an identify-theft attempt. If you receive e-mail like this, the source may be address: blessthe day.com contact your local IRS office.

Kids Games

One late Saturday afternoon, a Texas cowboy rode his horse into town and stopped at the saloon. While seated at the bar having a beer, in walked a devout Muslim dressed with turban — the entire garb and an old Indian. Both went to the bar and took a stool on either side of the cowboy.

Eventually, their conversation drifted around to their varying cultures, history and background.

The Native American stated sadly, "Once my people were many, but now we are few."

The Muslim chimed in and said, "Once my people were few, but now we are many."

The cowboy glanced at the Indian for a moment and then he looked directly at the Muslim and said with a sly grin, "That's because we ain't played cowboys and Muslims yet."

Individuals who wish to join the suit will be asked to sign an agreement to provide from 25 percent to 35 percent of any damages awarded, depending upon their up front donations to pay for the action. The fiscal 2002 authorization act authorized concurrent receipt to military retirees with at least 20 years of service, but left the funding up to the Bush administration. [Source: AF News 25 JAN 02]

The president had previously indicated his opposition to this and has not included any funding in his proposed budget to cover it.

Anyone desiring to join this suit should contact Philip Earl Jones
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126 East Main Plaza, San Antonio, Texas
78205
Tel: (210) 224-1923 telephone or
(210) 227-4229 Fax,
Email: philipejones@earthlink.net.

handgun, 2nd prize a watch, and 3rd prize a knife. The drawing will be on 14 March 2002 and ticket holders need not be present to win. Tickets are one dollar each and were on sale after the meeting.

Soda Pop Machines. **Gene De La Montagne** said there are other types of soda pop dispensing machines that those offered by Coke Cola and Pepsi Cola that may work in the team house. Gene and Capt Ron will discuss the merits of the machines Gene has in mind.

Chapter Elections. All Chapter members are encouraged to run for elected positions. To date there is only one candidate for each of the elected Chapter Officer's positions except board members. There are only two candidates for three board member positions. To have your or a friend's name considered as a candidate contact a member of the nominating committee. They are **Del Richards** in Bremerton (360) 377-9754, **Bill Smith** in Port Orchard (360) 871-7469, and **Mike Woods** in Tacoma (253) 879-9156. No decision has been made on how the primary and final slates of candidates will be distributed to the 94 voting members who are not on the newsletter mailing list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Planned Recommendations for Awards. Capt Ron plans to recommend **Steve Kubiszewski** for the National Member of the Year Award, **Y-Jut Buonto** for the Associate Member of the Year Award, **Mike Woods** for Newsletter of the Year Award, and **Gene De La Montagne** for Chapter Drop Input of the Year Award. He is asking for suggestion for the Chapter Man and Woman of the Year Award.

Picnic Preparation and Planning. **Red Davis** showed a quilt made by his daughter. He suggested she could make a similar one for \$150.00 for a raffle at this summer's picnic. Bill Gates, who is the picnic committee chairman again this year, gave approval for Red's daughter to start making a quilt.

Bill Gates is interested in names of members who will want to participate in a golf tournament on the morning before the picnic on Saturday 10 August 2002. There will be a notice to this effect in this month's newsletter.

NEW CORRESPONDENCE:

Christmas Cards. The Chapter received a Christmas Card from **Col. (Ret) & Mrs. Aaron Banks** and one from **Frank Pinkerton** before Christmas.

Letter from Friendship Airborne Tours, Inc. For \$3,400.00 this corporation will arrange for a person to jump in Laos and Cambodia and receive those countries' jump wings.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

SFC Nathan R. Chapman Services. **LTC Roger Griffin**, Commander of 3rd Bn, 1st SFG(A) commended chapter members for their participation at Group events and particularly their large turnout at SFC Chapman's memorial services.

CSM Jody Nancy praised Chapter XVI's attendance at the Chapman services and their cash contribution to the Chapman family.

The RVN Armed Forces Association has a plaque memorializing SFC Chapman that they wish to present it to Mrs. Chapman. **Kiet Nguyen** will work with **Roger Griffin** to schedule a presentation.

Liaison with Vietnamese and Montagnard Communities.

John Holloway, a visitor from Chapter 43, suggested Chapter 16 should have a liaison person with the Vietnamese and

Montagnard communities. **Kiet Nguyen** and **Y-Jut Buonto** have been our de facto liaison representatives to their respective communities for some time. They will now be recognized as such.

Theft of Veterans Service Records. **Al Hill** alerted members to the fact someone is accessing veterans' records through the Internet to obtain restricted information such as is only found in 201 files.

Chapter XVI Official Coffee Stop in Auburn. This past Veterans Day in Auburn, **Capt Ron**, **Al Hill**, and **Bill Smith** went for a cup of coffee while waiting for the parade to start. While there some pictures were taken with the young ladies serving coffee. **Al Hill** returned recently to show the women the pictures. The ladies requested we veterans stop in any time we are in Auburn and make their place our official coffee stop.

Vietnamese Montagnards in Cambodia. There are around 1,000 Montagnards in two camps in Cambodia who fled prosecution in Vietnam. The Vietnamese communist want them returned to Vietnam. The US has a representative there trying to persuade the Cambodian government to allow the Montagnards to migrate to a refugee camp on Guam or else where. **Y-Jut Buonto** give this report and requested members contact their representatives to urge support for getting his people to a safe haven.

Chaplain Jake's BS Award. Chaplain Jake's Best Story award, at which he presents an entrenching tool, is usually a humors award for outlandish tales. This month he changed tactics and awarded it to a person worthy of true praise. This month's winner was **Kiet Nguyen**. Congratulations Kiet.

50/50 DRAWING: **Jorge Calero** won the 50/50 drawing and gave his share to the Chapter. No count was obtained on the amount but from the size of the attendance it should have been considerable.

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain Jake offered a closing prayer.

MEETING ADJOURNED: **Mike Karr** made a motion at 1130 hours that the meeting be adjourned. **Red Davis** seconded and everyone broke for the chow line.

Bill Smith, Chapter Secretary

Osama and the Virginians

After getting nailed by a Daisy Cutter, Osama made his way to the pearly gates. There, George Washington greets him. "How dare you attack the nation I helped conceive!" yells Mr. Washington, slapping Osama in the face.

Patrick Henry comes up from behind. "You wanted to end the Americans' liberty, so they gave you death!" Henry punches Osama on the nose.

James Madison comes up next, and says "This is why I allowed the Federal government to provide for the common defense!" He drops a large weight on Osama's knee.

Osama is subject to similar beatings from John Randolph of Roanoke, James Monroe, and 65 other people who have the same love for liberty and America.

As he writhes on the ground, Thomas Jefferson picks him up to hurl him back toward the gate where he is to be judged.

As Osama awaits his journey to his final very hot destination, he screams, "This is not what I was promised!"

An angel replies, "I told you there would be 72 Virginians waiting for you. What did you think I said?"



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