



SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION WASHINGTON AREA



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MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER

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baton to Pete Stemniski, I want to express my sincere gratitude for the outstanding and unselfish manner with which Charlie has undertaken this truly important service for Chapter XI.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Since becoming your President, I am more aware of the effort required to produce and disseminate our newsletter. Maintaining a current member roster; obtaining input, writing, and distributing the newsletter to 300 members (by email or regular mail); and submitting input to The Drop requires considerable time and patience. The importance of the newsletter cannot be overstated - it is the sole means of communication with ALL of our members.

Our President Emeritus, Charlie Norton, ably assisted by his wife, Ginny, has willingly undertaken this task for the past fifteen years. That has to be a record among SFA chapter newsletter editors. As he passes the editor's

LAST MEETING: On 23 February 2007, over **65** members and guests were in attendance to hear our own Lou Hoffman speak of his recent experiences as an advisor to the Afghanistan Ministry of Defense. Members who brought and introduced their guests included **John Whidden, Art Mott, Lou Hoffman, Ray Oden,** and **Harley Davis.**

Reports from chapter officers:

Al Paddock, President, spoke about the importance of a chapter chaplain, continued emphasis on quality speakers at monthly meetings, and the need for chapter donations.

Mac Dorsey, Vice President, presented an update on the upcoming annual Dinner Dance on 5 May 2007. Mac gave a special thanks to Vic Hugo, John Mohler, Gary Johnson, and Pete Stemniski for their work in preparation of the event.

Pete Stemniski, Secretary, discussed an update of the new Chapter XI website (www.sfa11.org) of which the first year costs were donated by Greg Fair. This site will be operational by the 30 March 2007 meeting.

Gene Russell, Chaplain, presented an update on sick and shut in chapter members. Gene also spoke about Operation Education, sponsored by the University of Idaho. Operation Education is a scholarship program that assists wounded members of the United States military.

Charlie Norton, President Emeritus, informed attendees of the importance of filling out their SFAHQ raffle tickets properly to ensure credit for Chapter XI.

Al Paddock introduced **Lou Hoffman**, who was an advisor to the Afghanistan Ministry of Defense for 13 months. Lou spoke about the history of Afghanistan, what the Afghan people really want and need, and his interaction with training of the Afghan National Army.

Our 50-50 raffle winner was **Robert Bechtoldt**, who donated \$100 to the chapter.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is 30 March 2007, at the Harvest Moon. Happy hour activities will commence at 1830 followed by a business meeting at 1915. Dinner will begin following the guest speaker. Dinner cost will range between \$15-\$18 per person (includes tax and gratuity) depending on the number of attendees staying for dinner. The guest speaker will be **Stuart Kenworthy**, Rector of Christ Church, Georgetown, who served as a National Guard Chaplain in Iraq.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE: The following events are scheduled. The venue is the Harvest Moon Restaurant, unless otherwise indicated:

- 20 April 2007: Guest Speaker – Mario Mancuso, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Combating Terrorism.
- 5 May 2007: Annual Spring Dinner Dance, Army-Navy Country Club. Invitations were mailed in mid-February 2007. If you need another RSVP form, please notify Pete Stemniski.
- 1-7 July 2007: Special Forces Association Annual Convention, Oklahoma City, OK. Visit www.sfa32.org for more information.
- 14 July 2007 (tentative): Chapter XI Pool Party at Charlie Norton's house in McLean, VA. More information to follow.
- 28 September 2007: Guest Speaker – Martha Raddatz, ABC News Chief White House Correspondent.

CHAPTER XI FINANCIAL REPORT:

Chapter bank account: \$6,311.17
Less funds designated for SOWF: \$866.00
Less funds to be sent to SFAHQ: \$0.00
Remaining chapter operating funds: \$5445.17

DECEASED CHAPTER MEMBERS:

- GEN (Ret) Robert C. Kingston, Honorary member of SFA Chapter XI, passed away 28 February 2007 at the Ruxton Health Care of Alexandria nursing home. GEN (Ret) Kingston spent more than 36 years in the Army, served in Korea and Vietnam and held command positions in the Rangers and Special Forces. In 1981, he became the first commanding general of the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force, a predecessor of the U.S. Central Command. Funeral services will be held at the Fort Myer Chapel on 23 March 2007 at 0900 with a reception to follow at the Fort Myer Officers Club from 1100-1300. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in memory of GEN (Ret) Robert C. Kingston to the Special Forces Association, PO Box 41436, Fayetteville, NC, 28309-1436.

- Charles Michael "Mike" Boster, age 58, of Manassas, passed away 27 January 2007 at Prince William Hospital. Mr. Boster was born in Huntington, W.Va., on 22 February 1948. He was a mail carrier with the United States Postal Service, a Green Beret in Vietnam, and a member of the Special Operations Association, SFA Chapter XI, and the National Mail Handlers Union.

SICK AND SHUT INS:

The chapter officers want to reach out to its membership and if you know of anyone that is ill or having difficulty - please let the chapter officers know so we and reach out to them and their family.

At this time there is no new information to report.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND:

- John P. McMullen, \$40.00
- Thomas Maude, \$100.00
- John Krull, Jr., \$20.00
- Jack Singlaub, \$30.00
- Dale Brown, 330.00
- Harris Arlinsky, \$100.00. IMO Harry Sass.
- Daniel Maguire, \$5.00
- George Huff, \$60.00
- Curtis Womack, \$40.00
- Harry Ching, \$120.00
- Gene Russell, \$30.00
- Harold Mower, \$100.00
- Ken Strafer, \$150.00
- Robert Bechtoldt, \$100.00
- Al Paddock, \$100.00

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CHAPTER SPECIAL OPERATIONS WARRIOR FOUNDATION ACCOUNT:

- Al Paddock, \$100.00
- Charlie Norton, \$25.00 IMO Al DeProspero.

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONVENTION:

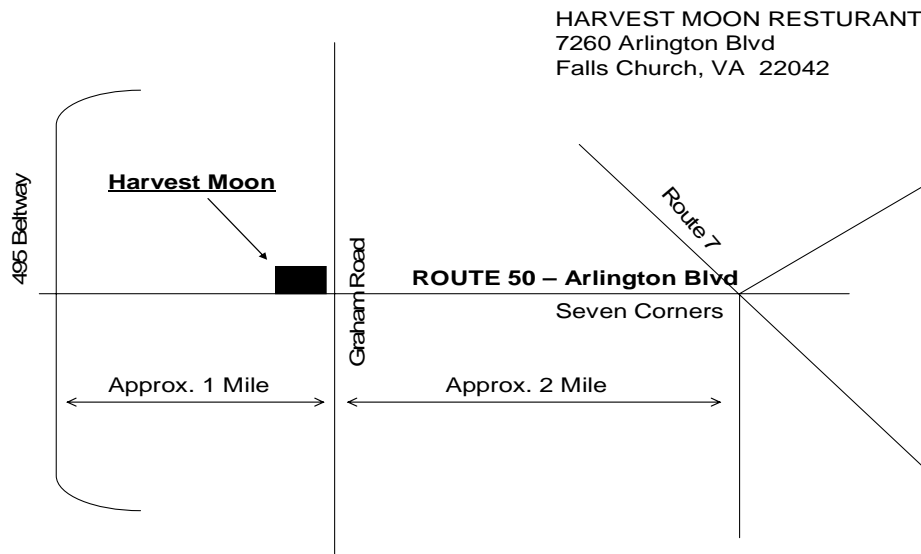
For those interested in attending the SFA National Convention in Oklahoma City, OK, 1-7

July 2007, visit <http://www.sfa32.org>. Recommend making your hotel reservations soon because the host hotel is filling up quickly.

CHAPTER NOTES:

- SFA Chapter XI members should have received by mail 20 tickets from SFA National Headquarters for the SFA Memorial Building raffle. The proceeds are used to maintain the buildings and grounds at the SFA National Headquarters. IMPORTANT – 50% of each ticket you buy is returned to Chapter XI BUT ONLY if you mark Chapter XI in the blank portion next to Chapter on the ticket. The deadline to SFA National Headquarters is 28 June 2007.
- We have received a lot of positive feedback regarding sponsoring wounded service members from Walter Reed for the upcoming annual Dinner Dance. **Ken Strafer's** company has agreed to sponsor all wounded service members who wish to attend this event. We would like to send him special thanks for this generous donation.
- One of our members currently stationed in Baghdad, **Craig Firth**, has decided to return to the states after a tour as the Multi-National Forces – Iraq Force Protection Officer. Great work Craig and we look forward to your return.
- A reminder for those who have not paid their 2007 annual dues, please do so as soon as possible. On 1 February 2007, dues increased to \$35, which includes a \$5 reinstatement fee. Mail your dues to the SFA Chapter XI PO Box listed on Page 1.
- For those interested in obtaining personalized greeting cards and pictures from our monthly chapter meetings, visit www.john-michael.net. Thank you John for all that you do for the chapter!
- If you have recently moved, send your new address, phone, and e-mail information to Pete Stemniski.

MAP TO THE HARVEST MOON



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE AT WWW.SFA11.ORG
THE SITE WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL AFTER 30 MARCH 2007

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"De Oppresso Liber"
To free the oppressed

MISSION OBJECTIVES

Mar 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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The screenshot shows a Windows Internet Explorer browser window displaying the website for the Special Forces Association, Chapter XI - National Capital Area. The browser's address bar shows 'http://www.sfa11.org/'. The website has a green background with a blue banner at the top. The banner contains the text 'SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION Chapter XI - National Capital Area' and features a logo with a sword and a shield. Below the banner, there is a navigation menu on the left with links like 'HOME', 'PRESIDENT'S COLUMN', 'CHAPTER OFFICERS', etc. In the center, there is a section for the 'Washington D.C. Chapter "De Oppresso Liber"' with a photo of the White House and the text 'To free the oppressed'. To the right, there is a 'MISSION OBJECTIVES' section with a calendar for March 2007. The calendar shows dates from 25 to 17. At the bottom of the browser window, the taskbar shows the 'start' button, several open applications, and the system tray with the time '9:04 PM'.