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October 2008 NEWSLETTER

Next Chapter XI Meeting, 1830, October 24, 2008 Harvest Moon 7260 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042	Chapter XI Planned Activities		
	October Meeting	24	2008
	December Christmas Party	TBD	2008
	January Meeting	30	2009
	February Meeting	27	2009
	March Meeting	27	2009
	April Meeting	17	2009
	April Dinner Dance	25	2009

also remember to vote before the end of October on the draft SFA Constitution that is outlined in the fall edition of the *Drop*.

As I told those attending the September Chapter meeting (and who may therefore skip the rest of this note), I think that the draft is the product of long, laborious and careful work. The writers were driven by the needs to accommodate forty years of SFA changes, come in to compliance with North Carolina laws, and produce a document that will serve into the future. I have read much of the critical, even defamatory, material published in Emails attacking the document and its authors. I personally have no doubts on the integrity and good intentions of those charged with the task of updating the document. I of course also have an opinion on how well the contents of the document will achieve its goals. I withhold this opinion because I think every member should make up his own mind on this and vote

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

With all the current presidential campaigning, I suspect that few, if any, members will forget to vote in the coming national elections. Please

accordingly. It should be remembered that this is a vote by members only. There is no 'chapter vote'.

Additional note from National on voting procedures. A point that National has emphasized is that the only ballot that will be accepted is the ballot members will receive in the Drop. Members must use that ballot, or a copy of that ballot, available on SFA National's web site (www.specialforcesassociation.org/) in "SFA Forums" as a pdf file. The copy of the ballot must be printed on a single sheet of paper front and back

Chapter Meeting, 26 September 2008. Our first meeting of this season was well attended. Thank you for your support.

➤ **Guest Speaker.** Our guest speaker, Mr. Paul Benda, Director Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE), Pentagon Force Protection Agency interesting and enlightening. His comments were particularly relevant for those of us who work and live in the DC Metropolitan area. His presentation was on "Pentagon Shield" and Pentagon Sentry" securing the Pentagon in the 21st Century. He emphasized the corporative partner ship with Arlington County and other Federal Partners in addressing this potential problem. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Detecting CBRN and coordinating an effective emergency response,
- Isolating/containing the environment
- Assessing the appropriate protective action recommendation (PAR), and
- Implementing a sound protective action decision process.

➤ **Secretary, Mac Dorsey, addressed the following points.**

- The next chapter meeting will be 24 Oct.
- We encourage members to look check our chapter web sight from time to time. We will try to keep it current, posting information that is of general membership interest. The website can be accessed from any computer that enables a person to

access the web regardless of specific browser service used. Just enter: [Http://www.sfa11.org](http://www.sfa11.org)

- We receive many announcements of job opportunities for personnel with SF/ SOF backgrounds. While we do not post or forward this information, if you know of a chapter member or who is interested in opportunities please contact the chapter secretary and he will provide whatever information is available.
- We are soliciting your assistance in identifying speakers for future meetings. All recommendations are welcome. If you have a suggestion please pass it on to our Vice President, Lynn Mariano, (contact information above)
- We would like to solicit your input for your newsletter. If you have a tidbit that is appropriate for enclosure, please send it to Mac by email or to the Chapter Post office box in a short paragraph. Please include the source.

➤ **President Emeritus, Charlie Norton**

- **Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Fund Support**
- **Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Fund's Veterans Day Observance** Charlie Norton informed the assembled group of the **Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Fund's sponsored Veterans Day Observance** to be held at the Viet Nam War Memorial on November 11th.
- Following up on Charlie's lead, our Vice President, Lynn Mariano, has coordinated with the VN Memorial Fund for a block of 15 reserved seats for the Viet Nam Memorial Service **at 1300 on 11 November.** Please let Lynn knows if you plan to attend. Please arrive a bit early ~1245. Look for our Chapter Flag and familiar faces.
- **Donations to the Viet Nam Veterans War Memorial Fund** are encouraged – \$5, \$10, \$15, \$25 or whatever. Donations may be made directly to the Memorial Fund or through Chapter XI.

- If donating directly to the VN Memorial fund, Mail Checks to:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund
 Attn: Development Office
 1023 15th Street, NW
 Suite 200
 Washington, D.C. 20005

Or donate electronically at
<http://www.vvmf.org>

- **The Treasurer, John Mohler.** It is that time again. **2009 Membership Dues** must be paid before Jan 30,

- Annual Dues. \$30.00 for a one-year renewal of my membership must be paid before 30 January of each year.
- Annual renewals are \$35.00 after 30 January of each year.
 - \$30.00 annual renewal fee
 - \$ 5.00 reinstatement fee
- Life Membership \$400.00 for a lifetime membership. (For members in good standing.)
- Life Membership Reinstatement \$435.00.
 - \$ 400.00 for the life membership fee
 - \$ 30.00 annual dues
 - \$ 5.00 is for reinstatement.
- Life Membership (65 and over). (Include Date of Birth) \$280.00. (For members in good standing.)
- Reinstatement & Life Membership (65 and over. -- Include date of birth). \$315.00 for reinstatement and a lifetime
 - \$280.00 life membership fee,
 - \$ 30.00 is annual dues
 - \$ 5.00 is for reinstatement
 - Include your current mailing address.
- Please mail dues payment to:
 SFA Chapter XI
 Attn. John Mohler
 18346 Fairway Oaks Sq
 Leesburg, VA 21076.

- **Financial Report:**

Chapter Bank Balance:.....\$14,417.73
 Less funds for SOWF..... ..\$ 1,218.00
 Remaining Operating Funds: \$13,199.73

- Donation since 8/24/08:

Al Paddock \$100 (Chap. XI)
 Robert J. Bechtoldt: \$200 (SWOF)

- **From the Chaplain.** Gene Russell

SICK AND SHUT INS Fortunately, Gene had no new sick members to report. However it is very important that we stay in touch with those members and families who are undergoing the stress and trauma of illness and recovery. Please let our Chaplain, Gene Russell, know of anyone who is ill or having difficulty, so we may assist as appropriate. Often times, just knowing the Chapter cares is comforting.

The Chapter has recently learned that **Peter H. Frenkel**, a former Special Forces soldier and a member of Chapter XI passed away last spring. We are in touch with his wife Joan and will present the SFA Plaque soon.

Also the Chapter is staying close to the SF Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed and the total number of patients is down to 15 and only two of them are on the ward. This is the lowest patient count in quite some time. Lynn Mariano arranged for the Chapter to get extra copies of the "Drop" so that the men can stay in touch. Plans are being made for another Katz Deli Lunch at Walter Reed in June 2009.

- **CHAPTER NOTES:**

- *See Chapter XI Group pictures from July Pool Party page 5*
- **Pool Party Lost and Found:** Charlie Norton is still seeking the owners of one dark blue windbreaker with George Washington University on the left chest, a glass pyrex dish (which had potato salad in it), and a white bath towel left at the pool party. Please Contact Charlie to claim them.
- **Benefit Concert.** Some of you may be interested in a benefit concert for Wounded Warriors and other Veterans' organizations. The 2008 American Freedom Festival with a concert featuring Alan Jackson and Trace Adkins will take place on Saturday, October 25th at 7:30 PM, Patriot Center, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. If you are interested in attending, tickets are still

available for \$72.50 and \$62.50 by calling Ticketmaster at one of the following numbers:

- 202-397-7328 (202-397-SEAT)
- 410-547-7328 (202-547-SEAT)
- 703-573-7328 (703-397-SEAT)

This concert is sponsored by a number of participating businesses. All proceeds are donated to Wounded Warriors and Veterans Organizations.

- **Reminder: Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Donald D. "Don" Blackburn's funeral will be on 5 November 2008, at 1100 at Arlington National Cemetery.**

- **Robert N. Leary**, Although not a chapter member, we have been informed that Peter, 65, a former Special Forces soldier who some of you may have known, died Thursday, Oct. 2, 2008, at Fletcher Allen Medical Center in Burlington, VT. Lt. Col. Leary was a career Army officer having served 24 years, with two tours in Vietnam as an infantry officer and Green Beret. He was also a police officer in Berlin for almost 20 years.



Chapter XI assembles for September 26 , 2008 meeting



A very distinguished crew. From Right to left: John & Jan Whidden, Wally & Lelia Johnson and Andrew Winfree. (September 26, 2008)



Vice President Lynn Mariano introduces our guest Speaker. September 26, 2008)



Guest Speaker: Mr. Paul Benda, Director Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosive (CBRNE), Pentagon Force Protection Agency September 26, 2008)



SFA Chapter XI Members, July 26, 2008



SFA Chapter XI Ladies, July 26, 2008

MAP TO Chapter XI Meeting site. Meetings start at 1830.: Harvest Moon Restaurant 7260 Arlington Blvd, Falls Church, VA 22042 (courtesy of Google Maps)

