

SFA Chapter 29



Membership Renewal

Annual renewals are now past due. If you have not renewed, you have until the end of this month, **31 January 2015**, to renew before being issued orders to report to the *Late Renewal Penal Platoon*.

It takes a couple minutes to fill out the form, write the check and stuff it all in an envelope.

Orders to report to the LRPP will be issued in early February. Flights and buses will be departing for Camp McKall several weeks later. Make sure that you are not on one of them.

Renew today. Or start working out. Hard.

Reminder: Send your renewals to Chapter 29 and not SFA National, at Bragg.



Members of last year's LRPP hard at work.

Note: Relax. There really is no LMPP. It is a fictional construct, a product of the mangled minds of these editors, for the purposes of humor and emphasis only.

Election of Officers

In May we will be electing new officers to the chapter board of directors.

Like all fraternal and non-profit organizations, the existence and efficacy of SFA depends on the participation of all members, at all levels.

Please, consider

running for one of the open seats on the Chapter 29 board of directors.



SOF Updates

Females to Ranger School

31 female soldiers, 11 officers and 20 NCOs, have been selected to be “observers and advisers” for a Ranger Course Assessment scheduled to begin this spring.

Ranger School is 62 days long over three training phases, during which Ranger students must receive a passing grade leading at least one patrol in each phase. They must also pass the Ranger Physical Assessment.

No one is quite certain just what “observers and advisers” means. Just what their observations and advice to cadre will entail is unclear and if follow-on classes will contain female soldiers who are simply Ranger students.

Operation Atlantic Resolve

The 1st Cav Division is deploying to Eastern Europe and have marched in parades in Latvia and Lithuania to show support for those countries, and as a warning to Russia and Putin.

Rumors, reports and assumptions are that SF teams are also there, and in positions closer to the conflict in Ukraine.

The ramifications and risks of these ops and this situation are obvious to even the lowest PVT or 2LT. No word on how bare are the billets at 10th Group.

Hostage Killed During Rescue Attempt

An American hostage, Luke Somers, was killed in Yemen, in December, during a US JSOC operation to rescue him. A second hostage was also killed by the al-Qaida terrorists holding both hostages, when the rescuers were detected. Will the U.S. continue this policy of aggressive response to hostages? We will see.

CALENDAR

5 Jan - BOD meeting, Delta Systems

10 Jan - Breakfast Mtg, Hilton Garden Inn, KCK

2 Feb - BOD meeting, Delta Systems

14 Feb - Breakfast Mtg, Hilton Garden Inn, KCK (Also: Be advised, Valentine's Day, guys.)

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Newsletter Submissions:

If ever you have any ideas, info or articles for this newsletter, please, contact Jeff Forker: jaforker@everestkc.net They are due by the 19th of each month.

Chapter Officers

TERRY BUCKLER

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Membership and
Newsletter Editor

Speaker at the January Meeting

Richard Kiper will speak at the January 10, 2015 breakfast meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn. His topic will be the Special Activities Group and the 1st Raider Company in Korea. Rich is an expert on the Korean War and in particular on Special Operations in the Korean War and has written and been published on the topic.

Trivia Challenge

The official U.S. Army unit designation of Merrill's Marauders was:

1. The 3rd Marauder's Group (Provincial)
2. 5307th Composite Unit (Provisional)
3. 4098th Partisan Infantry (Improvisational)

Bonus: Who commanded Merrill's Marauders?

Bonus2: What was their AO?

Chapter Online Store

The chapter has an online store. Available are polos shirts, chapter challenge coins and bracelets.

The web site address is: <http://www.sfa29.org/merchandise.htm>

If you have any ideas on things you would like to see in the store, let us know.

An order form is below.



**Chapter XXIX
Special Forces Association
10820 West 64th Street, Suite 202
Shawnee, KS 66203**

Chapter Merchandise Order Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail _____



Chapter XXIX Coin 2 inches in diameter

\$10.00 each, Shipping Charge \$2.00 for one, \$4.00 for two, \$6.00 for 3 or more.

_____ Coins @ \$10.00 + \$_____ Shipping Charge \$_____ Total Charge \$_____

Chapter XXIX Polo Shirts

Sizes: S M L XL 2XL

Color: Forest Green, Black, Burgundy Red, White

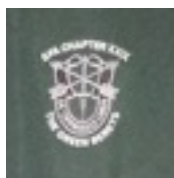
Logo: SFA Flash, SF Patch, SF Crest



SFA Flash



SF Patch



SF Crest

\$30.00 each, Shipping Charge \$7.00

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10820 W 64th Street, Ste 202
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Special Forces Association
Chapter XXIX
Application for Membership Renewal

I, _____ (Print Last Name, First Name, MI) _____ (Membership Number) hereby apply for renewal of my membership in Chapter XXIX of the Special Forces Association and submit the following information:

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING BOXES:

Annual Dues. Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$30.00** for a one-year renewal of my membership. Note: Annual renewal is \$30.00 if paid before 30 January of each year.

Reinstatement. Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$35.00**, which includes a \$5.00 reinstatement fee along with the \$30.00 annual renewal fee. Note: annual renewals are \$35.00 after 30 January of each year.

Life Membership. Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$400.00** for a lifetime membership. The \$400.00 fee applies to members in good standing only.

Reinstatement & Life Membership. Enclosed is a check or money for **\$435.00** for reinstatement and lifetime membership of which \$400.00 is the life membership fee, \$30.00 is for annual dues and \$5.00 is for reinstatement.

Life Membership (65 and over). Date of Birth _____. Enclosed is a check or money for **\$280.00** for a lifetime membership. The \$280.00 fee applies to members in good standing only

Reinstatement & Life Membership (65 and over). Date of Birth _____. Enclosed is a check or money order for **\$315.00** for reinstatement and lifetime membership of which \$280.00 is the life membership fee, \$30.00 is the annual dues and \$5.00 is for reinstatement.

Current mailing address:

_____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Home Telephone: (_____) _____ - _____ Work Telephone :(_____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Rank at Separation: _____

Check or money order should be made payable to: **Chapter XXIX, SFA**

Send dues to: Treasurer, Chapter 29, Special Forces Assoc, 5430 Melrose Lane, Shawnee, KS
66203-1938

For Chapter Use Only

Date: _____ Check No. _____ Amount: \$ _____

Date Sent to SFA National: ____/____/____

Name: _____ Member # _____