

SFA Chapter 29



Annual Worley 12th Group Reunion Picnic

The Annual 12th Group Reunion and Picnic hosted by Ross Worley is set for Saturday, **18 July**, 2015. The doors and gates will open at 1100HRS and stragglers need to be gone by about 1600HRS. The event is officially a reunion for all former 12th SFG(A) members, but all SF are invited and encouraged to attend. Much fun is always had by



Some of the gang enjoying some cold ones at last year's party.

all.

The Annual **Range Day** at Mendenhall Range, near Bethany, MO, is also a "Go" this year and is set for Sunday, **19 July**, 2015. Wayne will open the range the night before, if anyone wants to sleep in the range house the night of 18 July, and the range will remain open on 19 July until the last shot is fired.

Bring your **wives** and **girlfriends** (Not both, one or the other, please) and **kids**. Also, bring a side dish, enough to share with the crowd. Ross has a pool, so bring your suits if you want to swim. And be prepared to hear and share *muchos* lies...er, stories. After all, this is an SF gathering.



Ross working the crowd last year.

Ross Worley's address is 205 E 127th Street, Kansas City, MO, in the south part of the city, not far from the state line and just north of Martin City.

Ross says that the same **SOPs** and **IADs** apply if the cops or MPs show up: Men grab their beers and women grab their men.

Contact Ross Worley if you have any questions:
rossw@wallties.com or
 816-941-8441.



Some of the guys singing *Ring of Fire* at last year's party. Incidentally, the Cash Family dropped their suit.

2015 National Convention

MG Rogers gave a State of the Regiment address. In it he talked about the new 1st SF Command and mentioned the new **Jedburgh Teams** concept, and that the Jed/4th battalions will have various unique responsibilities.

New **corporate partnerships** and in-roads are being formed with sponsors, such as USAA,

NRA, Glock, SF Outdoors and Oak Grove. More are in negotiation

Joint initiatives are ongoing with OASIS, the Green Beret Foundation and the Special Forces Charitable Trust.

SFA National Convention will held in **2016** in **Jacksonville**, Florida and in **2017** in **Fayetteville**, North Carolina.

Jason Amerine: Whistleblower?

LTC Jason Amerine is being investigated by the U.S. Army and under threat of court martial. His **critics** say that he violated his security clearance and is a disloyal whistle blower. His **supporters** claim that he has brought light upon a dysfunctional bureaucracy which has prevented the recovery of numerous American hostages.

Amerine was one of the first SF on the ground in Afghanistan soon after 9/11. He became **frustrated** with U.S. operations to locate and liberate

American hostages in Afghanistan and Pakistan, of which he played a key role, and sought the help of U.S. **congressmen**, to which he shared sensitive military information in order to make his case. Some of that made it into the **media**.

SF history is filled with controversial men who cut their own sticks to march to their own drum, and often it is hard to determine if that beat serves SF, the U.S. Army and the interests of the U.S. or not.

CALENDAR

July - No BoD or membership meetings.

18 July - Ross Worley's Annual 12th Gp Reunion Picnic.

19 July - Annual Mendenhall Range Day

3 Aug - BoD meeting, Delta Systems (POC: Terry Buckler)

8 Aug - Chpt Breakfast Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, KCK

14 Sept - BoD meeting, Delta Systems

Sept (Day TBD) - Oktoberfest Party, Location TBD

10 Oct - Chpt Breakfast Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn, KCK

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.

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RANGER HALL OF FAME
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Ranger Associations

SUBJECT: 2015 Ranger Hall of Fame Inductees

The following individuals were inducted into the 2015 Ranger Hall of Fame in June:

- a. **1LT George Sisler**
- b. **CSM Michael Hall**
- c. **GEN Stanley McChrystal**
- d. **GEN John Abizaid**
- e. **COL John Geraci**
- f. **LTC Rex Masters**
- g. **SFC Tyler Yates**
- h. **MAJ Robert Bischoff**
- i. **COL Thomas Henry**
- j. **LTG Steven Arnold**
- k. **SGM Gregory Matteo**
- l. **LTC Rembert Rollison**
- m. **CSM Jimmy Broyles**
- n. **COL Skip Chittenden**
- o. **CW4 Russell McIntrye**
- p. **SGT James Regan**

The Ranger Training Brigade hosted the induction ceremony on 24 June 2015 at Ft. Benning, GA. Official invitations were sent to inductees on or around 17 May 2015 IAW the Ranger Hall of Fame MOI, 19 November 2012.

SOCOM Commander: Feeling the Stress

Gen. Joseph Votel, commander of USSOCOM, told an audience on 19 May that his forces are feeling the strain from the high tempo and demands of global USSOC missions. "**We do feel stress in the force,**" Votel said.

"We find ourselves operating in possibly the most complex strategic environment in recent history," Gen. Votel told an audience at the 2015 Special Operations Forces Industry Conference.

The effects of GWOT deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, and recent deployments to back to Iraq, and nearby countries, and Africa, to combat ISIL/ISIS and other groups, such as al-Shabab, have placed much stress and strain on U.S. Special Operations soldiers, and also their families.

"This may be something that we did not fully grasp in the early years of the last 12 to 14 years of time, the impact of repeated deployments, but **it is certainly something we understand now,**" said Votel.

Iron Man Suit for SOCOM?

SOCOM has been looking to acquire its own Iron Man suit. The result is the TALOS, Tactical Assault Light Operator's Suit, in development since 2013. It provides "increased **armor** protection, increased situational **awareness**, increased **lethality**, increased, human **performance**," according to Navy Cmdr. Anthony Baker, the head of the TALOS program.

Powered **exoskeletons**, the common commercial name for these suits, have been in development for years. Their promise of enhancing human performance, such as **load** bearing and **vision**, is tantalizing, as is their military applications.

But, there are drawbacks, such as reliable **power** and **noise**. The power required by these suits requires batteries, which, like radios, have a limited amount of times before they need to be recharged or replaced, and the motors in these suits, while much quieter than earlier versions, are still loud enough to be heard at short distances. Not good for a special operator trying to be a Sneaky Pete.

Key question: What does it take to get in and out of these suits?

USASOC Change of Command

Lt. Gen. Charles T. Cleveland will relinquish command of U.S. Army Special Operations Command to Lt. Gen. Kenneth E. Tovo during a traditional Army ceremony at Fort Bragg on July 1, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. on Meadows Field.

Cleveland has commanded since July 2012. Tovo has been deputy commander of U.S. Southern Command.

USASOC comprises about 60,000 personnel.



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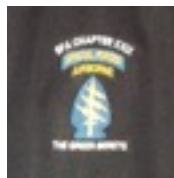
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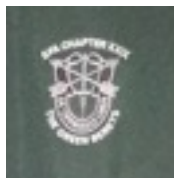
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