

# SFA Chapter 29



## Kansas City SOF Formal 2016

The Annual Kansas City Special Operations Forces Formal was held on a Saturday night, 9 April, at the Westin Crown Center. The room and tables were filled, the food was excellent and the wine was plentiful. Attendees came from all over the KC AO and flew in from all over the U.S.

There were bagpipes and a color guard. The guest speaker was Kansas Governor Sam Brownback who spoke about his admiration for Special Operations and the certainty that the need for SOCOM and all of it's units and operators will only increase in the future as warfare becomes more and more fragmented and unconventional.



Ross and Joneil Worley and Henry Laurent.

The Grog Bowl tradition was brought back in a performance never before seen by these editors. The bowl was replaced by a mess pot, large enough to boil a buffalo, and representatives of every imaginable SF and SOF unit and branch, about a dozen, each made a speech then each dumped a bottle of some sort of hooch into the large pot. Amazingly, the large pot was empty when last these editors looked, which was close to 2330hrs and many were still dancing and talking and laughing. A good time was had by all.

Photos from the Formal can be viewed and purchased here: <http://www.tracielsingphotography.com/Events/SOF2016/>



L-R: MAJ Kyle Johnston, Roy Williams, LTC Monique Guerrero and Sam Ratcliffe.



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## FT. LEAVENWORTH LECTURE SERIES

The Command and General Staff College Foundation, the Department of History, the Army Garrison, and the Association of the United States Army, are sponsoring two lecture series on historical subjects that may be of interest to our membership. The Pershing Lecture Series focuses on World War I and the Vietnam War Commemoration Series focuses on the Vietnam War.

The next lecture in the Pershing Series will be on 10 September. A reception in the foyer of the Lewis and Clark Center, Ft. Leavenworth, begins at 1730. The lecture begins at 1700 in Marshall Auditorium. The topic will be “The Great War at Sea,” presented by Dr. John Kuehn.

The next lecture in the Vietnam series has not been scheduled. Updates on both lecture series will be included in future newsletters.

## MacLaughlin Made Sergeant

Robbie MacLaughlin, chapter member, was promoted to Sergeant in the KCPD on 23 March at the KCPD Training Academy. Chapter members

and other SOF friends attended the ceremony, and then a party afterward at Rob's home.

Justin Murray, Marine Recon veteran, and good friend of MacLaughlin's was also in attendance and made the comment, “Wow. This is a lot of cops in one place.”

Editors enjoyed seeing Melinda, Rob's wife, hanging out with their



Murray and MacLaughlin

friends and very much enjoyed meeting Rob's daughters, Isabella and London, ages 9 and 7, both of whom, as can be seen in the photo below, are beautiful and vivacious girls.

These editors also finally confirmed the existence of Mark Fogel. I say again, Mark Fogel does exist, and pledged to attend future chapter events and/or celebrations.

Feel free to contact and congratulate Rob on his déjà-vu promotion to Sergeant. Who knows, maybe he will also again make Warrant Officer.



Fogel and Forker

## Renewal for 2016

If you have not renewed by now you are beyond delinquent and special renewal teams are making their way to you as you read this.

Do not resist. That would be, as they say, futile.

You will be taken to a remote renewal camp where you will be subjected to PRPT and (Punitive Renewal PT) until you see the error of your ways and agree to sign an **Oath of Renewal**, pledging to never again be late renewing your SFA membership.

While you are nursing your bloody feet and picking the mud and gravel from your teeth, the realization will hit you that all of this could have been so easily avoided.

Annual memberships are just \$30. Some of you drink that much in wine or beer each week. Lifetime memberships are a tad more. Oh, and **you can still renew, now**, before they find you. Late renewals are only \$35. Do it. And **avoid PRPT**.

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## Newsletter Submissions

We need submissions from within the chapter for this newsletter. These editors cannot be everywhere or document everything. Please, send AARs and photos of any chapter or non-chapter event of recent past that you attend, or notification of upcoming events that you think are relevant to SFA, Special Forces, Special Operations, chapter members, veterans, history, etc. It might be a heads-up about posers and wannabes, or about impending or new legislation. It can simply be Army or SF news, such as new vehicle contracts or new regulations or changes to the SF uniform, such as changing the beret color from rifle green to fabulous purple or passionate pink. And we would definitely need photos of that.

### CALENDAR

**2 May** - BoD meeting, Delta Systems

**14 May** - Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn, KCKS

**12-19 June** - SFA National Convention, Jacksonville, FL

**July** - No meetings, and Ross Worley is NOT hosting his annual 2-day picnic and pool party this year.

**August** - No meetings

**SOF History - March**  
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#### Newsletter Submissions:

Submit ideas, info or articles for this newsletter to the editors at [jaforker@everestkc.net](mailto:jaforker@everestkc.net)

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## Paronto Speaks at Leavenworth

by Rich Kiper

Leavenworth, KS, was the site of a lecture by Benghazi security contractor Kris Paronto. The Benghazi debacle, a key issue in the current presidential campaign, has raised questions about U.S. objectives in Libya, deep concerns about the measures taken to secure American ambassadors and accusations of failures to support American security personnel under hostile fire. Paronto was one of six Department of State security contractors who fought a desperate fight to defend Ambassador Christopher Stevens and themselves.

Paronto focused his talk on the controversy over the “stand-down” order, an order which he is adamant was given; the actions of the senior CIA officer at the Benghazi annex; and the events as they unfolded on the night of 11 September 2012.

Paronto stated that the book, *13 Hours: The Inside Account of What Really Happened in Benghazi*, authored by Mitchell Zuckoff, with members of the annex security team, and a movie, *13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi*, are accurate descriptions of the events that occurred that fateful night.



Roger Donlon and Kris Paronto

## SF and SOF History

The following dates and events are offered for your historical and trivial enjoyment.

### May

- 1st** - 19th Gp ARNG activated, 1961
- 1st** - 6th Gp activated, 1963
- 1st** - 16th SF ARNG Gp deactivated, 1966.
- 1st** - 21st SF Gp ARNG activated, 1961.
- 6th** - 474th Inf. Regt deactivated, 1947, Ft. Devens, MA
- 12th** - Ranger Regt. reactivated, 1942.
- 20th** - 77th SF Gp redesignated 7th SF Gp, 1960.
- 27th** - US SF Cmd activated, 1990.

### June

- 10th** - 10th SF Gp activated, 1952.
- 12th** - OSS begins official operations, 1942.
- 14th** - The Continental Army was created by the Continental Congress as a unified army for the Colonies to fight Great Britain. George Washington was appointed as its first commander, 1775
- 17th** - 1st SF Gp activated, 1957.
- 19th** - Ranger Regt begins operations, 1942.



## Donlon Interviews

Alex Quade, a journalist who has been embedded with numerous Special Forces teams, and the director of the film "Horse Soldiers of 9/11," has now completed a documentary interview with COL (Ret.) Roger Donlon. In this three-part video, COL Donlon shares lessons learned from childhood that have endured throughout his life. His story is one of encouraging others, helping others to stay on course, and the importance of prayer in his daily life.

This series can be viewed at the links below.

Part 1: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/03/19/exclusive-special-forces-medal-of-honor-legend-shares-life-lessons/>

Part 2: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/03/20/exclusive-part-two-of-special-forces-medal-of-honor-legends-interview-video/>

Part 3: <http://dailycaller.com/2016/03/21/exclusive-part-three-of-special-forces-legends-interview-video/>

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## Pistol Raffle Winners

The winners of the pistol raffle were announced at the KC SOF Formal. They were Major **Andrew Fulton**, who won the Colt Government Model 01991, .45 caliber ACP, and LTC **Amy Burrows**, who won the CZ P-09, .40 S&W caliber pistol. Both have been notified to pickup their pistols at Bass Pro Shop. Thanks go to **CZ-USA** and **Colt Firearms** for donating the pistols for this raffle, which helps SFA to raise funds to help pay for the annual formal and underwrite chapter operations and charitable efforts.

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## RETURN TO DEVENS 5-10 Oct 16

### Schedule of Activities Update: 11 April 2016

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#### ITINERARY: 5-10 October 2016

**Flights into:** Boston, MA or Manchester, NH approximately same distant (30 miles). Manchester, NH is more accessible, taking Rt # 3 south and exit onto Rt #111 taking you through Groton and right into Ayer, MA. It will be a beautiful ride as the leaves will be changing colors Also you will not have to deal with the traffic in Boston.

Throughout the week the Hospitality Rm will be open when necessary: Drinks: Pay as you go, will be able to order food from hotel???

**Wed: 5 Oct:** Arrival: 1900 hrs (Greet & Meet Hospitality Room).

**Thurs: 6 Oct:** Tour: Devens Commons/Ft Devens (Officers Club/Museum)

Afternoon: Abn Opn: Staticline &/or Military Freefall (Ft Devens Drop Zone or Rogers Field: Receive & Welcome One (1) ODA, fr Ft Carson, CO (This is not locked in: Depends on the deployment status of the Group) More info latter.

1800 hrs, Banquet on Devens Commons place TBD. Friday, Sat and Sun were booked!!

**Friday: 7 Oct:** Train Ride/Rd Trip to Boston: Individual Tours of Boston: More info coming soon.

**Sat: 8 Oct:** Morning: Time: 0900, Memorial Ceremony Rogers Field (Flag Pole)

1000 Tandem Jumps: Roger Field or Pepperell, MA Fannie (Skydive MA)

Free Day, on your own, scout your old stomping grounds.

**Sun: 9 Oct:** The Initial NFL Boston Patriots Game has been cancelled, no availability of ticket. Need suggestions from the group what would you like to do!! A list will be provided of churches in the immediate area for those that desire to attend that day.

Continuation of Tandem Jumps (Alternate Rain Day) or both days if sufficient numbers want to jump.

**Mon: 10 Oct:** Depart.

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