

# SFA Chapter 29



## Joyce Radtke, RIP

Joyce Williams Radtke died Wednesday, July 8th, 2015 of congestive heart failure. Joyce, wife of Bill Radtke, was a well-loved member of Chapter 29 and will be sorely missed.

Joyce was born in Diamond, Ohio, on September 8th, 1932. She grew up on a family farm in Ohio, but traveled the world extensively as an Army and Special Forces wife.

Joyce married Bill on August 12, 1951, and accompanied him on most of his assignments over his 32 year career. Joyce and Bill raised five children as they moved from Ohio to Virginia back to Ohio to Panama to North Carolina to Georgia to California to Okinawa to Kansas to Virginia to Thailand to Illinois, and back to Kansas.



Joyce was always a hard worker and volunteered tirelessly in church groups, Little League, dance groups, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and any other group or project that needed a tireless volunteer or leader.

Joyce was a peerless organizer and leader. She was affectionately referred to as "Auntie Ramrod" by family and friends. But, Joyce also knew how to play and have fun. She had a very dry wit and loved a good "verbal sparring." She was also an absolute killer on crossword puzzles and needlework. Joyce will be missed by all those whose lives she touched, and very

much missed within our SF community.

A memorial service was held at 1000hrs Saturday, August 8, 2015 at Brandon Woods in Lawrence, Kansas.

## Current Membership

The Chapter 29 roster currently, as of 20 September, 2015, carries the following numbers:

- Life members = 47
- Annual Members = 28
- Total members in good standing = **75**
- Inactives by 1 year = 7
- Inactives by 2 years = 5
- Total inactives = 31
- On The Radar, non-SFA SF vets in the area = 18
- Mother's Total Rosters = **124**

To renew your membership you need only fill out a renewal application and send that in with a check. To join SFA you need only fill out a one-page application and send that in with a copy of your DD-214 and a check. Contact Jeff Forker with questions.

## 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 or 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 a photo of that.

### CALENDAR

**14 Sept** - BoD meeting, Delta Systems

**12 Sept** - Oktoberfest Party, Wyandotte County Park

**5 Oct** - BoD meeting, Delta Systems

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

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

**11 Nov** - Veterans Day Ceremonies, Ft. Leavenworth

**7 Dec** - BoD meeting, Delta Systems

**Dec** - Xmas Party (TBD)

### Newsletter Submissions:

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

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## Female Rangers

On 21 August, 2015, Capt. Kristen Griest and 1st Lt. Shaye Haver became the first females to be awarded the Ranger tab. This has, of course, generated an enormous amount of chatter in the contexts of both criticism and support.

Critics claim that women are not physically or emotionally up to the demands of combat, and certainly not that of Ranger Operations. They claim



that females with Ranger tabs diminish the tab and that females in the Ranger Regiment would degrade the cohesion of that unit as sex and couplings would lead to ruinous

jealousies and hurt feelings throughout the ranks.

Other voices claim that such effects would not happen and that women will only

strengthen any units into which they are allowed. SOFREP.com recently published an article written by a male Army captain who was in the class ahead of Griest and Haver and who claims that he had his doubts but saw both officers, beyond a doubt, earn their tabs. The CO and CSM of the RTB both confirmed those claims. Guess that time will tell and we will see. Doubt that we will have to wait long.



## OctoberFest Picnic



The Annual Chapter 29 Oktoberfest Picnic will be held on Saturday, 12 September, at Wyandotte County Park, 126th Street and State Avenue. It is just east of the Cricket Wireless Amphitheater and the Renaissance Festival grounds.

The PTOC (Picnic Tasty Operations Center) will be located in Shelter 'C', near the

center of the park and across the street and north of the Historical Museum. Tasty Operations will begin at 1100hrs.

The Chapter will provide burgers, brats, buns, condiments, plates, silverware, napkins, beer, soft drinks and water. We are asking that attendees please bring a side dish or desert to complete the meal. Since we will be outside, kids and dogs are welcome, as are balls and frisbees. And let's all try to get along. We don't want another incident like *The Great Potato Salad Melee*.



A disagreement erupted at last year's picnic. Supposedly it had something to do with the potato salad.

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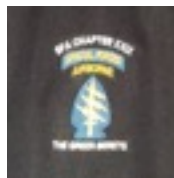
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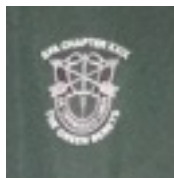
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