

Chapter XXIX Newsletter



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Special Forces Association Chapter XXIX Col. Arthur "Bull" Simon Memorial Chapter "The Bull's Bullet"

Inside this issue:

This month's newsletter will be just an informational newsletter as we did not do anything exciting in August. So let's start off with a welcome to new members, David Appleby, Vincent Principe and Don Trout.

Donations: The chapter has been contacted by several organizations seeking donations to their causes. We have elected to include just three that might involve members of this chapter.

1. The first is the MO-KAN All Services Academies Ball to be held December 26th, 2009. That's correct the day after Christmas. This organization includes the Parents Club of current midshipmen or cadets at the US Military Academy of West Point, US Naval Academy, US Merchant Marine, Virginia Military Institute, The Citadel and Norwich University. If you would like to donate to this organization please contact Tony and Peggy Quirarte at 913-559-0117 in Leawood KS.

2. Second we have a request from our own National Headquarters. As many of you do not know, National is undertaking a major renovation of the National Headquarters property. New building, memorial garden and walkway and much more. Each chapter is being given the chance at naming one of the new buildings. We have been asked to donate \$200 along with the name of a fallen member that the building will be named after. So far we have raised over half the money needed and will be submitting the name of John Ross. In case you are thinking why do we need to send money for some building that no one but Chapter I-18 gets to use, you're wrong. This property is open to any Chapter or chapter member that is visiting Fayetteville NC to use or just visit. Yes, the I-18 holds their meeting on the property, but it's not solely theirs, it's ours as a whole. Please send your donation to the Chapter by September 10th. PO Box 14312 Parkville MO 64152. If you have a better idea of a fallen member this building should be named after send it along with your donation.

3. Many of you have visited places where you can purchase a memorial brick for a walkway. The Liberty Memorial is a good example of this. National Headquarters is also starting a Memorial Walkway. If you are interested in the purchase of a memorial brick let the chapter know and we will get the detailed information to you. sfa29newsletter@gmail.com or 816-213-8639.

As always, as the 2009 year comes to a close and you are looking to make a financial donation for a tax deduction on your income tax, please check the charity out before sending money. As always you can donate to Chapter 29 as we are a non-for-profit organization. Please contact us for more information, if needed.

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Next Chapter Events:

Event:

Breakfast Meeting

Date:

September 12th, 9am

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 520 Minnesota KC KS

Bring: \$8 for Breakfast. This will be a convention information meeting.

Event: Oktoberfest

Date: October 3rd 10:30am—3pm

Location:

English Landing Park Parkville MO

Bring: Side dish to share

Need something to do over the Labor Day weekend?

Don't want to go to the lake again for Labor Day or maybe those Labor Day plans are just getting to costly. Here's something new to do and it will only cost you gas for the car. Many have heard of the Vietnam Moving Wall, but have no idea where it is. Well this is short notice, but we only found out about it a week ago. The Moving Wall will be in Garnett KS over Labor Day weekend September 3-7, 2009. This is the closest it will be coming to Kansas City in 2009. Its next stop will be near St. Louis in Warrenton Mo September 10-14, almost 200 miles away. So how do you get to Garnett KS? That's easy, its only a short 70 miles from south Kansas City MO. Travel on I-35 south to exit 183 (US59 Ottawa KS). Turn left on US59 and travel through Garnett KS (it will be the third town on US59) past the Rail Road overpass to W Veterans Circle Dr also known as the south lake. There should be signs by this time to direct you there. If not, just stop and ask where the south lake is. Garnett's not that big you can't get lost. See you there.

Detailed Calendar of Chapter 29 Events

Many have asked for the details on the up coming Chapter Events. Since this is a slow news month, we thought we would detail what we know at this time. So let's get started.

September 12th, 2009: Chapter 29 meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn 520 Minnesota Kansas City KS. This meeting includes breakfast for \$8. Please check in with the Chapter before going to get your breakfast or the Hotel will charge you \$10.

September 19th, 2009: This event is already full, but here's the f.y.i. in case you would like to do it next year. Harvesters (The Kansas City Food Bank) has asked us for help in collecting canned goods at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival in Bonner Springs KS. Its easy work, all we do is collect the canned goods place them in the truck and give the guest a free ticket pass for each 2 canned goods they donate. In return anyone who works the truck will be able to enter the Renfest. free of charge. What a deal for only 2 hours of easy work. That's a savings of about \$18 per person. They limit the number that can work each shift on the truck so that's why this event is already full this year. Thanks in advance Terry Buckler, Gail Merrill, Jim Fricke, Jeff Reed and Children. I'll be in touch with you before the event with more details.

October 3rd, 2009: Oktoberfest, this is an annual event for the chapter. Location is English Landing Park, Parkville MO from 10:30am to 3pm. Its really easy to get to, just travel MO Highway 9 to downtown Parkville MO. The park is located next to the Missouri River. You will need to park at the Farmers Market area as there is only handicap parking at the shelter. We are the first shelter on your right as you walk into the park (Look for the Flags). You are asked to bring a side dish to share. The chapter provides grilled Brats, Burgers and Hot Dogs. We will also provide the Beverage of the day (beer, and pop) along with the needed eating utensils. This is a family event so if you need to bring the children or grandchildren there is a play area near this shelter and restrooms are close by. This is a fun time and a chance to talk Army. See everyone there.

P.S. If there is thunder and lightening in Parkville that day we will cancel. The shelter we use is metal under lots of trees. Not a great place to be in lightening. You can call 816-213-8639 if you have a question about the event.

SFA 29 Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance July 1, 2009	\$ 20,212.32
Income	+ 199.50
Expenses	- 101.84
Ending Balance July 31, 2009	\$ 20,309.98
Detailed Report Available Upon Request	

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October 31st, 2009: RAD-Retirees Appreciation Day at Ft Leavenworth. Location is the Lewis and Clark Center on Post. Please have State or Military ID when entering Post. Start time is 8am and ends about noon when the vendors close. This event is mainly focused on retirees, but if you would like to know what's happening anyone is welcomed to sit in on the lecture. The lecture is from 8am to about 9am followed by vendors in the different class rooms.

November 11th, 2009: Veterans Day Parade Leavenworth KS. This is one of the Nations largest Veterans Day Parades and we are a part of it. Parade start time is 9am, but we need to meet about 8:30 in front of the Leavenworth Court House on 4th and Walnut to get into our place in the parade line. We will have a car available for anyone who needs to ride. Please wear your Association Green Jacket, military attire or suit jacket. Also dress for the weather. It could be cold and or rainy. After the parade we meet at the High Noon Saloon for lunch. A special note, Leavenworth closes off several streets for the parade, so arrive early if you want to park close and watch out for speed traps. They always radar the roads into Leavenworth.

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December 5th, 2009: Holiday Gathering at Ron Simmon's home at 9201 Roe Prairie Village KS. 2pm to 5pm. Please park on 92nd Terr (No Parking on Roe). Bring a Holiday side dish to share. Chapter will be providing turkey and ham. Please RSVP that you will be attending so we can make sure enough food is provided. Accessible parking will be provided in Ron's driveway.

SOF Formal 2010: Date and location not set. We will be combining the SOF Formal with the 30th Anniversary of Chapter 29's founding. All of the Chapter's past Presidents have been located and will be invited to attend this event as well as several other special guests. Please plan on attending the 2010 SOF Formal, this will be a grand event. We will keep you updated as plans become formalized.

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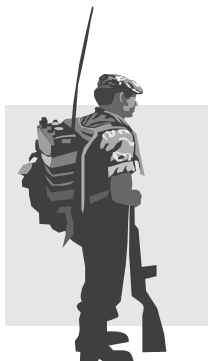
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In Honor and Appreciation of the Special Forces Wives and Families that make the sacrifices necessary to be part of the Special Forces Family and its association. They provide the support that can not be bought or provided by any government program. Without their support, we would be lesser individuals and our effectiveness threatened.

In remembrance of a very special Special Forces Wife, Carol Ann Smith

Jack Smith 2007



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(Free Festival ticket for anyone who works the truck)
(This event is Full, see you next year.)

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October 24th, 2009: Veterans Salute, Platte City Library 10am
For more info contact John Reichley 913-651-3977

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Spring 2010: SOF Formal & Chapter 29 30th Anniversary, Location and Date TBA

June 7-12, 2010: National SFA Convention Fayetteville NC (Ft Bragg) Holiday Inn
(Do not stay at the Double Tree, they refused to work with the 2010 Convention)

June 23-27, 2011: National Convention Orlando FL (Hotel TBA)

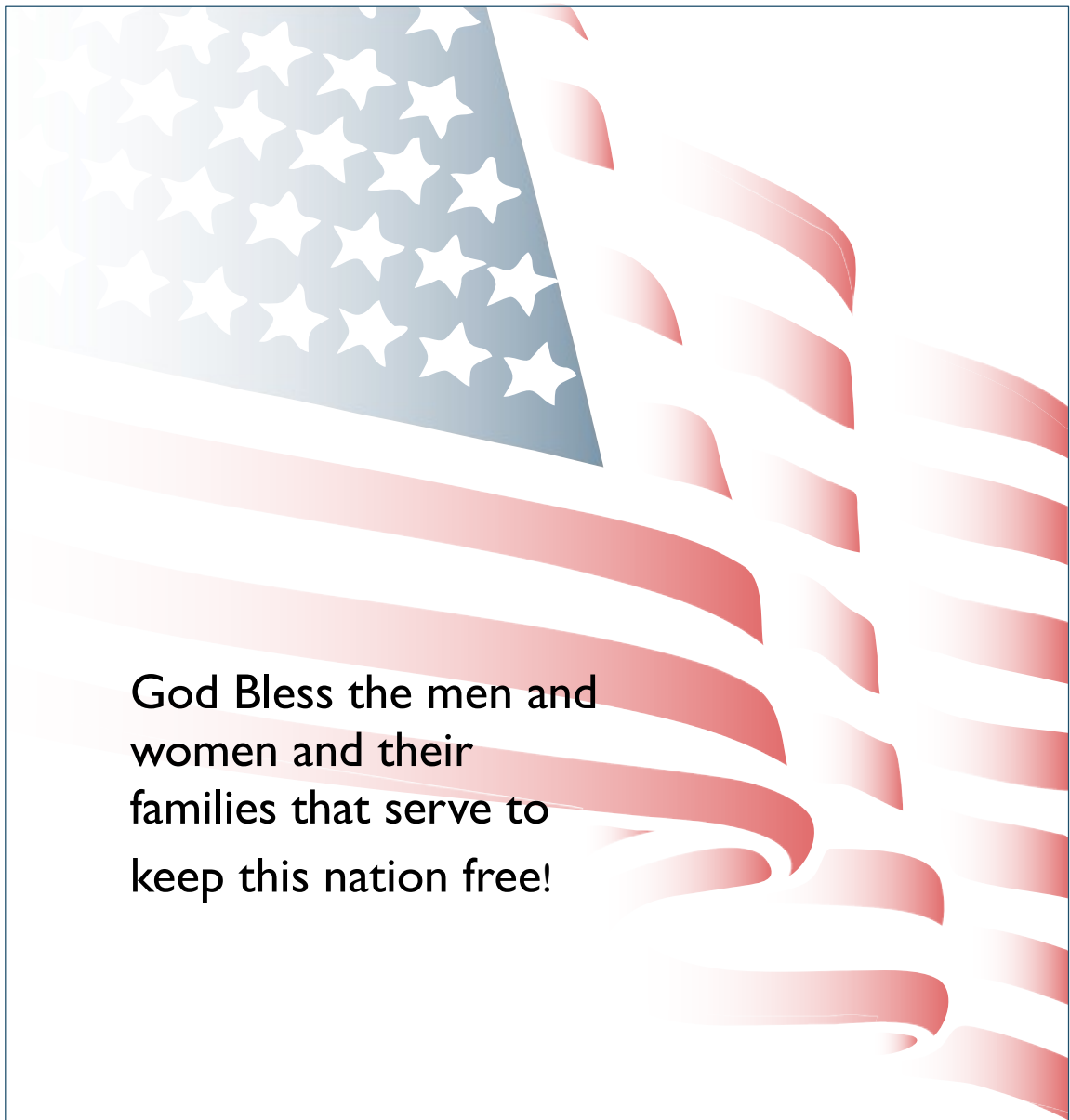
Medically Challenged Members and Family

We do not have any updates on our Medically Challenged at this time. We do know that our president Jack Smith is to under go a knee replacement in early September. Please keep him in your thoughts. If you know of anyone who is medically challenged at this time please let us know.

Message from the Chapter: Please check out the national web site at www.specialforcesassociation.org to view the members forums calendar. This calendar will be posting not just our chapter events but those of other chapter. Please feel free to visit this site daily.

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THE TOP TWELVE INDICATORS THE ECONOMY IS BAD

12. CEO's are now playing miniature golf.
11. I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.
10. I went to buy a toaster oven and they gave me a bank.
9. Hot wheels and Matchbox car companies are now trading higher than GM in the stock market.
8. Obama met with small businesses– GE, Pfizer, Chrysler, Citigroup and GM, to discuss the Stimulus Package
7. McDonalds is selling the 1/4 ounce.
6. People in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and are learning their children's names.
5. The most highly-paid job is now jury duty.
4. People in Africa are donating money to America to feed the children.
3. Motel Six won't leave the lights on.
2. The Mafia is laying off judges.
1. If the bank returns your check marked as "insufficient funds," you have to call them and ask if they meant you or them.