



The “Hollywood” Drop

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PRESIDENTS COLUMN



Colonel Heinemann with SFA 78 Members

July started off with a bang with Colonel (Ret.) Timothy Heinemann speaking on his program with the minority tribes in Burma. Following his retirement from active duty which included many years of service with the 1st SFGA and 10th SFGA, he started an international program to support the border tribes of Burma by providing medical, economic and logistical support to those people. He is also adjunct faculty at the Center for Civil Military Relations (CCMR) at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California.

Beginning a new tradition, Tom Redfern organized and hosted our first Chapter 78 “Day at the Range”. The range fire and following BBQ was held at Tom’s private club, the Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club north of Los Angeles in a beautiful valley surrounded with oak trees. Members who participated in this exciting

event were Ed Barrett, Paul Turpin, Len Fein, Brad Welker, Terry Cagnolatti, Lonny Holmes, Monty Gould, Robert Foley, Gary MacNamara and Tom Redfern. Also in attendance were Terry’s wife, Juliette, Ed Barrett’s step son Robert Brady, Brad Welker’s son Trent. A guest of Terry’s was the range master from the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, Bureau of Investigation, Joel Adams. As you would expect from a group of Special Forces guys’, there was a wide variety of pistols, rifles, assault weapons and sniper rifles. Tom prepared lunch and BBQ’d the hamburgers which were huge. Despite the high temperature, over 100 degrees, everyone had a great time and is looking forward to continuing this event, hopefully in a cooler season.



SFA Members on set of “The Ripple Effect”

Thanks to our web-site we were contacted by Velvet A. Smith, a Hollywood writer and director who is working on a project for the American Film Institute. Velvet wrote a script, ‘Ripple Effect’, about an ODA (A-Team for

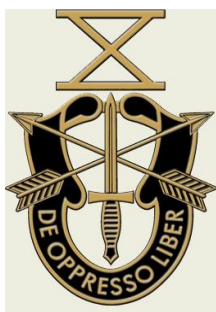
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you Vietnam Vets) in Afghanistan which is doing a med-cap in a local village that is under constant threat by the Taliban. She contacted us in need for technical military advice for her movie, regarding Special Forces tactics, arms, uniform and current SF dress, team house construction and helicopter evacuation. Steve Cowan (retired June this year from the 1st SFGA), Brad Welker, Terry Cagnolatti and Lonny Holmes assisted in script development in regard to Special Forces terminology.

Steve Cowan played an active part in pre-production selection of military equipment, arms, uniforms and offered current military advice during the shooting of the film. Terry, Brad and Lonny also helped during the 'shoot'.

Ending the month was the 'Wrap Party' for the cast and crew which was held at the home of one of the actors.



By Lonny Holmes
President SFA 78



On the set with Velvet Smith Director



"Afghan Children"



A Tribute to Special Forces

SOAR XXXIV

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Monday September 13 to Friday September 17

Chapter 78 members who are also SOA members, we hope you will attend this once yearly event which promises to be an outstanding conference. One of the highlights will be **Eldon A. Bargewell's** talk on The Future Of The SOA. **Lieutenant General John Mulholland Jr.**, Commanding General, US Army Special Operations command will be the guest speaker at the banquet.

Register now for the 34th Annual Special Operations Association Meeting which will be held at the Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV.

SOA member before September 6, 2010 the cost is \$150.00

After September 6, 2010 the cost is \$185.00

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Chapter 78 Range Fire

Great day at the Range, thanks to Tom and his club, The Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club.

Please give Tom a big thanks for hosting this year's event -the first Range Day for Chapter 78 members.

Also a tip of the Beret to Tom for the excellent BBQ he hosted.

Many who attended proposed we do this event twice yearly. Let's discuss it at the next meeting.

**Please mark your calendars now, the September meeting is on
September 11, 2010.**

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