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The Presidents Page



Lonny Holmes
President SFA 78

PRESIDENTS COLUMN **August 2011**

On Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31 members of the Shooters Cup Committee 'manned' the Chapter 78 booth at Crossroads of the West Gunshows at the Ontario Convention Center. Sales of 'T' shirts and 'Cup' Challenge coins were moderate. The Glock 17 raffle tickets continued to sell very well despite a low turnout for the weekend. Chapter 78 thanks members who participated to include Steve Cowan, John Joyce, Brad Welker, Bruce Long, Terry Cagnolatti and Tom Redfern. On the weekend of August 20 - 21 we will have our last fund raising activity for the 'Shooters Cup' which will be held in Orange County at Costa Mesa on the fairgrounds. Help our chapter and be there and work in our booth!

Steve Cowan continues to lead the 'Cup Team' and has garnered more support from the shooting industry to include John Pride CEO of Pride Fowler Industries who helped us contact Safariland for prizes for top shooters. John Pride donated 6 of his Rapid Reticle Rifle Scopes for our event. Steve has also made contact with Cannon Safe Company and the marketing director is a former SF Warrant Officer and is offering his support.

Other supporting companies include Special Forces Gear (owned by member Dave Thomas), and Aim Sport. Look on the 'Cup' website for a current and growing list of these incredible prizes.

Both Steve and Terry Cagnolatti are working overtime for the 'Cup' and have recruited teams from San Diego to Monterey and they include some of the best shooters in California. These teams represent leaders of the Special Forces and Law Enforcement Community. They include the FBI, LAPD SWAT and LA Sheriff Competition Teams. Several other police departments are currently submitting their registrations papers.

The winner's trophy has been purchased by John Joyce and he is designing the engraving which will be completed by our meeting on August 13. This will be "The GREEN BERET SHOOTERS CUP TROPHY." The trophy is 24 inches high without the base. A true Stanley Cup. At our last business meeting we voted to accept Springfield Armory's offer and purchase 5 XD 9 pistols and one M1A1 rifle and their very reduced prices. Springfield then gave us 2 XD 9 pistols. The M1A1 and 2 XD pistols will be used as fund raising items for 2012, the pistols for the Shooters Cup, and the M1A1 for Chapter 78 event funding.

It's August and now is the time to begin planning for our Annual Christmas Dinner. At last year's dinner I made reservations for Saturday evening December 17. One of the events we are looking at is a 'Year in Review' movie. John Joyce has been filming all our events and some of our meetings and will edit this into a 8 to 10 minute film like he did on "The Making of the Ripple Effect" for last year's dinner. If you have any ideas please contact Terry Cagnolatti or Lonny Holmes.

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The Presidents Page

If you have received your copy of the “Drop” you will notice the poor quality of the paper. SFA National sent out a letter of apology for this which occurred during the printing. Something went wrong. The publisher has refunded the quarter’s payment to SFA because of their error.

On Monday August 8, the Shooters Cup Team will have a major planning session that will include Ron Jung of Raahauges Range and Joel Adams of the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office-Chief Range Master, to finalize the direction of the 5 shooting scenarios. Mr. Jung also has several contacts who may help support our efforts. Past President and chapter member Jim Duffy has also become a ‘team member’ in our planning sessions. On Wednesday September 14th we will be having a dry run of our event at Mike Raahuages Range at 8am.



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**Lonny Holmes, President
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CHAPTER 78 – Southern California
General business Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2011

Meeting Location: American Legion Post 295 Cypress
CA

Call to Order: 0950 by president Lonny Holmes

Pledge of allegiance: Mike Keele

Invocation: Richard Simonian

Guest Attendees: Larry Serra, Mike Williams, Bob
Cook

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Richard Simonian

Secretary's Report: Presented by Tom Redfern – as
stated in the June Sentinel

The Challenge Cup Fund is \$6770.47 as of 6/30/2011.
Fund raising is going well.

The Sentinel Newsletter has current circulation of
10,000

Ramon suggests and article on chapter namesake Col.
Dallas. Goal to have a picture and bio

Chapter members are encouraged to write articles for the
newsletter. Submit directly to John J.

Terry C. update on our WEB site. Search of WEB has
Chapter 78 #1.

Email status – meeting with the WEB masters – more
info coming.

Question about the Nung and Vietnamese associate
members.

Jim Duffy reports on his attendance at the SFA National convention. Chapter 78's newsletter The Sentinel was awarded Best Monthly Newsletter & \$100 prize. The Chapter also won the Special Project award for their help on the "Ripple Effect". SFA National to work with Velvet Smith on a special project to get recognition for the U.S. Army Special Forces – "The Green Berets". Ross Perot was the guest speaker at the convention – He happens to be a huge supporter of S.F. Jim Duffy gave a Chapter 78 coin to him. Jim remarked that the general feeling of all the chapters is that national has their act together and the presentations were professional. The convention venue was great! Jim was able to make contact with Jim Weldon and Lou Smith (doing good) and some old teammates from 109. The 2012 convention will be at Fort Bragg. 2012 is also the 60th anniversary of S.F. This will be a don't miss event. The 2013 convention will be in San Antonio Texas.

Challenge Cup update – 10 teams are signed up and a number of others are expressing an interest but so far have not sent in their registration. August 15th is the deadline. Kimber, Springfield Armory and Glock are all on board as major sponsors. The raffle for the Glock 17 is generating lots of interest and donations. All chapter members are asked to help sell tickets at several upcoming gun shows. Terry has the sign up sheet. Joel Adams will be in charge of the shooting events and setting the course of fire.

Terry C. is also handle the nomination committee for this year's Chapter Officer elections.

No meeting in October. All Chapter members are asked to assist with the Shooters Cup.

Motion for Adjournment. Approved

Meeting adjourned at 1110

Tom Redfern D-7907
Secretary, SFA Ch 78





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Special Forces Association National Convention 2011 Orlando, Florida

I arrived at the luxurious World Center Marriott Resort on June 19th to represent Chapter 78 and Chapter 89. The President and General Membership Meetings were well organized with a very well done slide/photo presentation. Details of these presentations can be viewed on the SFA Website www.specialforcesassociation.org, Highlights were the awarding of a plaque and \$100 check for the Best Monthly Newsletter to Chapter 78 and a plaque for Special Projects Award for the movie production "Ripple Effect". Chapter 89 received a plaque for the Best Quarterly Newsletter. Plenty of photos were taken of the convention events and attendees which can be viewed and ordered at BrightFutures.com. (Click on "gallery", 19-26 June) Password - green hat. Emphasis has now been placed on the use of "the Green Berets" to offset "Special Forces" being opted by a variety of services and units. Coordinated and discussed with Major Crisafulli, SF Command, Strategic Communication, on Chapter 78's unique contacts and events for ongoing media planning.

The Veteran's Administration was well represented thanks to Rudi Gresham, Senior Advisor to the Undersecretary for Health (VA). VA Affairs Staff assisted and advised attendees from filing a claim right there, advice on current claims and follow up on pending issues. Their presence was priceless. In addition, the O.A.S.I.S. Group was available for SOF/SFA members with technical advice and assistance with VA claims. The Convention Banquet had Ross Perot as the honored guest speaker and he was awarded the Gold St. Phillip Neri Award for his excellent support to the Special Forces/The Green Berets Community. I was able to present Ross Perot with a Chapter 78 coin - see photo. Met Chris Noel, a noted Vietnam era hottie and advocate of Special Forces/The Green Berets. Met with Rebecca Clark, a world class sculpture and painter contracted to create a "Special Forces "Green Beret" Fine Art Series. The series will portray authentic action scenes to honor Special Forces ODA and "Green Beret" heroes.

The SFA Convention for 2012 will be in Fayetteville, NC, dates and venue hotel TBD. The SFA Convention for 2013 will be in San Antonio, TX, dates and venue hotel TBA. The 5th SFG 50th reunion to be held September 19th to 23rd. See www.sfa38.org.

The greatest benefit of attendance at this or any of the SFA conventions is the meeting up with old friends (Lee Yarborough) and making new friends (Noel Hike, Randy Fogel). For example, meeting with friends I served with over 40 years ago. Meeting a former Detachment Commander (CPT Bill King) of A-109, Thuong Duc, who was assigned there 3 years before me. We talked and he gave me a CD of 150 photos of his tour to be added to the JimDuffy/A-109 webpage on the Chapter 78 website www.specialforces78.com. Spending time with former team mates (Greg Biela & Ron Huegel) from A-109. Tilt Meyer discovered I was his SFTG Company A, XO. Talking with Lou Smith and Jim Weldon former Chapter 78 members. Socializing with numerous other members of mutual background and experiences. This is really what the conventions are all about and is very valuable to all who attend. In the big picture events and schedules may change, be cancelled or uncertain, but the value of friendships is priceless. I thank Chapter 78 for their support for me to attend this convention.

Jim Duffy
Chapter 78 Membe



Jim Duffy presents Ross Perot
with a Chapter 78 Coin

Special Forces Association Chapter 78

Shooters Cup

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Chapter 78 event organizers have been busy this month. Springfield Arms just signed on with us as a sponsor and we will be having tables at several local gun shows June-August to promote our event and sell raffle tickets for the Glock 19, event T shirts and coins. Please contact a Steve Cowan, Lonny Holmes or John Joyce to purchase any of these items. October is rapidly approaching and we need your help to raise money.

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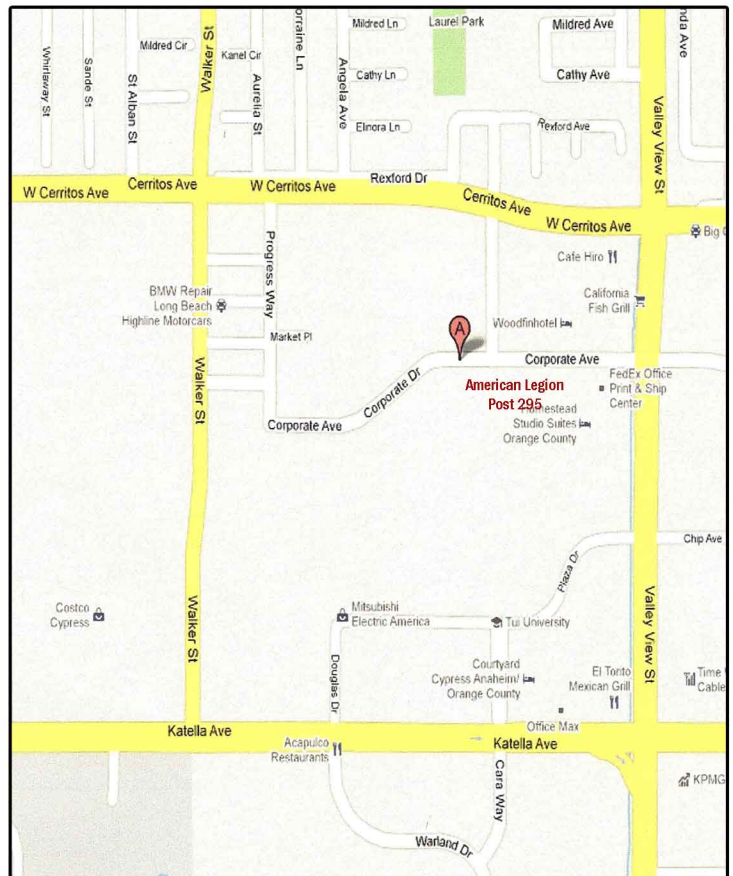
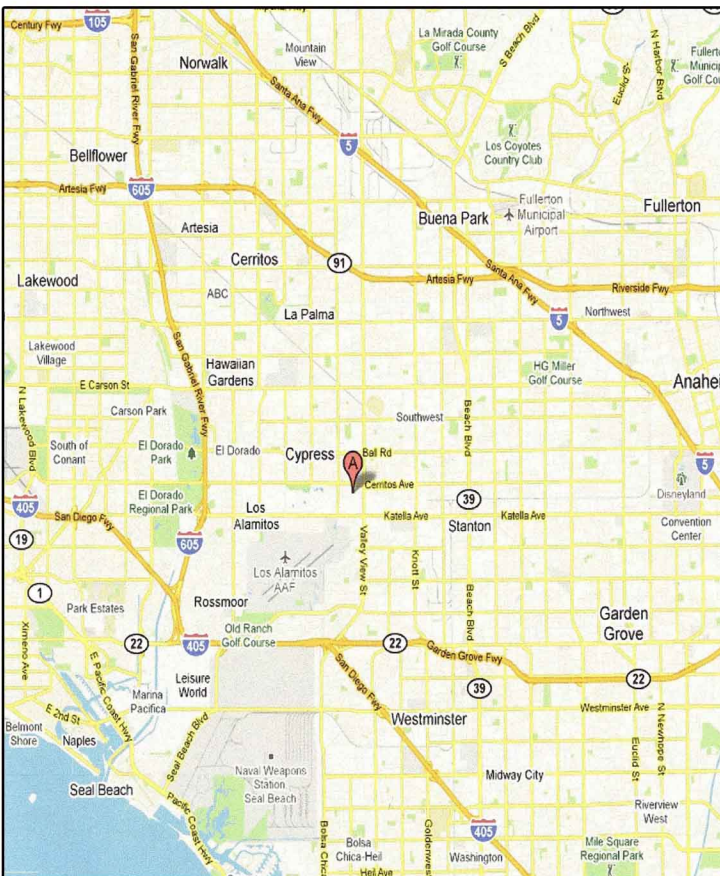
Saturday August 13th, 2011

0900hrs

Special Guest intellectual property Attorney Ben Katz. Mr. Katz is giving a presentation of his case documenting how he assisted in obtaining two Apocalypse Now surfboards which were auctioned off for Outward Bound charity raising \$20,000.00. Outward Bound was started by SF Colonel Rowe, former commander of 5th Group in Vietnam.

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