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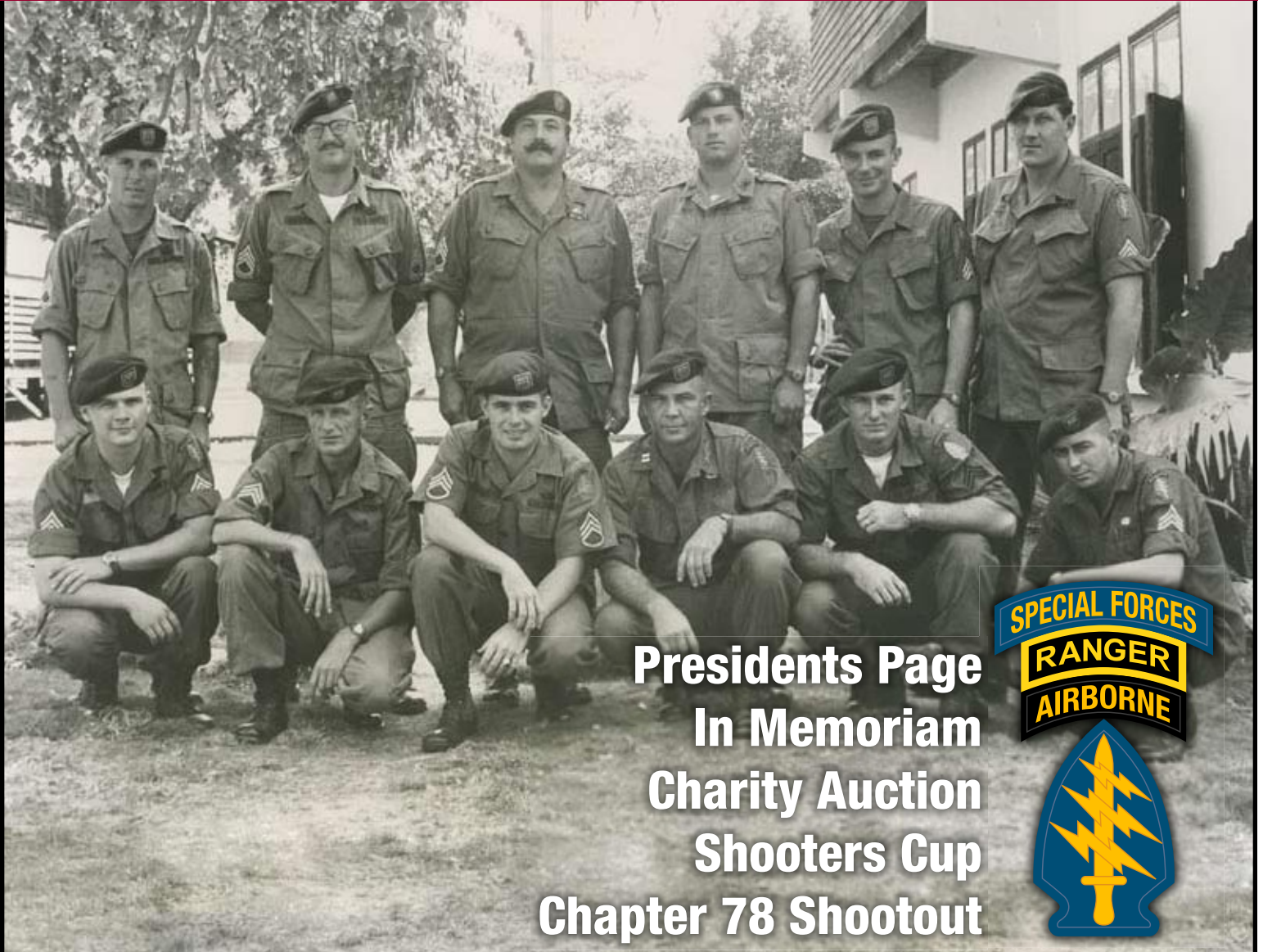
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# THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

April 2012

Spring begins the busiest season for members of Chapter 78 who will participate in the five university ROTC awards programs, manning the chapter booths at local gun shows and attending the 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Special Forces Reunion in Fayetteville NC.



**Lonny Holmes**  
President SFA 78

This April we will present the Special Forces Medal for Superior Performance, certificate, and chapter coin to ROTC Cadets at the University of Southern California, University of California at Los Angeles, Claremont McKenna College and California State University Fullerton. The dates for two programs are currently available and I will notify member when I receive the rest.

**Claremont McKenna College:** Tuesday, April 24, 2012 with reception at 5:30pm and Dinner at 6:00, at the Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum.

**California State University Fullerton:** Friday, May 11, 2012, 9:00am, at the Mackey 'Auditorium in the Ruby Gerontology Center.

\*Note to participate; contact me so arrangements can be made.

The first fund raising event will have been held at the [Crossroads of the West Gun Show](#) in Costa Mesa by the time this newsletter goes to press, however we will be planning and looking for support to man the booths at the show on Saturday and Sunday May 4 & 5 in Ontario, CA at the convention center. Our biggest sales event will again be at [Shooting Sports Fair](#) on Raahauges Range for three days, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 1, 2 and 3 in Corona, CA. We encourage you to sign up to help us staff the chapter booth. Again please contact me for an assignment.

Chapter member **John "Tilt" Meyer** wrote an article for **Soldier of Fortune Magazine**, "**So Cal Shooters Cup Supports WIA Green Berets.**" This article on Chapter 78's SF

Green Beret Shooters Cup will appear in the May issue on newsstands on March 27. A 'tip of the Beret' to "Tilt" Meyer for writing this very positive article on our premiere event. Besides supporting the chapter, "Tilt" is the current president of the **Special Operations Association**.

March 2012 saw our first edition of the 'new' **Sentinel** under the direction the **Debra Holm** of **Dinwiddie Holm Graphics**. This was a huge success. Now we need your support as Chapter 78 members to provide photographs and articles to publish in the Sentinel. To print 12 issues a year is a big job and requires a lot of information and support from *within* the chapter. Contact me about writing a paragraph or a page on a topic of your choice and submitting photographs from current chapter activities or old team pictures for these monthly issues.

**Steve Cowan** and the staff of the GB Shooters Cup have had several business meetings to kick off the second annual event. We encourage chapter members to join us in developing this endeavor. We are in the process of encouraging the local universities with ROTC programs to field a team for this year's event. We will limit this to a maximum of 5 ROTC teams and 25 professional (military & law enforcement). **Jim Duffy** is leading the way in garnering corporate sponsor support by donation of items from their product lines. **Terry Cagnolatti** and wife **Juliette** developed a computer program to track the 'Cup' donations and expenditures. **John Joyce** designed the raffle tickets for the Kimber 1911 .45cal pistol and Springfield M1A1 rifle. Both sets will be available for purchase prior to the March gun show. The pistol tickets will be \$2.00 each and the rifle \$3.00 each.

**David En**, CEO of **JAG Precision**, has organized a charity auction from a sub division of his company **ECHO1**, donating five products to raise funds for us. A copy of this advertisement is in this issue of the sentinel for your review. You may also view the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWdLHdr5fZk>. (Continued on page 2)



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**Colonel Alfeo L. Bernardi**, commander of the Southern California 12<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) passed on December 25, 2011 at his home in Oregon. He was 92. Col. Bernardi was born on March 5<sup>th</sup> 1920 in Groppoli, Tuscany, Italy and emigrated to the U.S.A. via Ellis Island NY in the early 1920's. He served in WWII in both the Pacific and European Theaters of Combat. He then attended the University of Southern California earning his B.S. in 1948, and MEd. in 1949. The Colonel then served in Germany during the Korean War then returned home to pursue a career as a high school math teacher and reserve officer. Colonel Bernardi was on the cover of Time Magazine on June 3, 1966 and was also featured in the L.A. Times and Daily Breeze newspapers. Many of us knew him as our commander or teacher and will miss him. Please see our tribute to Colonel A. Bernardi at [www.specialforces78.com](http://www.specialforces78.com). \*note this is a work in progress as we gather information and photographs, and if you have information or pictures please e-mail them to me.

There will be **NO CHAPTER 78 MEETING** AT AMERICAN LEGION POST 295 in **April**.

The Third Annual Chapter 78 **DAY AT THE RANGE** will be hosted by member and Secretary **Tom Redfern** on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at the **Burbank Revolver and Rifle Club**. Tom is also hosting the BBQ. Range fees' and cost of the BBQ is \$25.00 per person and please mail the check to Chapter 78. Liability release forms will be available on the range for

members who did not complete one at our chapter meeting. This is a family affair for the chapter so you may bring your wife, kids and friends.

The 100 yard rifle range will be open all day and the long range to 600+ yards will be available in the afternoon. The pistol range is available all day. See the map on page 6 for directions. ❖

### SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION 60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

will be held in Fayetteville, NC, June 11 to 17, 2012. Register for the convention and your hotel asap! For further information see your copy of the 'DROP" or [go online](#).

Note: we may have a Chapter 78 booth at the reunion to display our chapter items. Chapter members who will attend please let me know if you can help staff our booth. **Jim Duffy** will be our lead at this event.

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**SPECIAL OPERATION ASSOCIATION REUNION "SOAR"**

**2012** has been moved to October and will be held in the 'Orleans Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, NV. For information see their website <http://www.specialoperations.org/>.

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Lonny Holmes  
President  
Chapter 78



John 'Tilt' Meyer presenting David En CEO of Echo1 copies of his books.



Terry Cagnolatti present a Chapter Coin to Judge Gilbert Gembacz, Chapter 78 member.



# IN MEMORIAM

COLONEL ALFEO BERNARDI  
MARCH 5, 1920 - DECEMBER 25, 2011



## *Military Taps*

Day is done, gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest  
God is nigh.

Fading light dims the sight  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright  
From afar, drawing near  
Falls the night.

Thanks and praise for our days, neath the  
Sun, neath the stars, neath the sky  
As we go, this we know  
God is nigh.



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## CHARITY AUCTION

MARCH 24, 2012 - DETAILS AT ECHO1USA.COM



### ECHO1USA & COSTA LUDUS TEAM UP TO HELP OUT THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION

The Special Forces Association provides financial resources for various health and welfare programs that assist the wounded, ill or injured Green Berets where other organizations cannot or will not assist.

**AUCTIONS BEGIN ON MARCH 24, 2012. AUCTIONS WILL BE HELD ON EBAY. MORE INFO AVAILABLE AT [ECHO1USA.COM/CHARITYAUCTION](http://ECHO1USA.COM/CHARITYAUCTION)**

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**ECHO1USA WILL AUCTION OFF FIVE AIRSOFT GUNS SIGNED BY CHRIS COSTA ON EBAY. 100% OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO HELP THE SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION.**



## Special Forces Association



## Green Beret Shooters Cup

On October 12, 2012 starting at 0800

At

Mike Raahuage Shooting Enterprises

14995 River Rd., Corona, CA 92880

SFA Chapter 78 is hosting this 2nd Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup. The Green Beret Shooters Cup is 5-6 event team pistol Shoot. Events will test the team's accuracy, speed, physical stamina and target selection. Teams consist of 5 shooters per team with a goal of 20 teams this second year. Teams must be active duty or reserve military, law enforcement, or fraternal military organization. Make no mistake this is a team event, teams will be scored as a team, and the team with the lowest cumulative time wins.

Besides the bragging rights teams will get for winning the cup this is also a Charity event that will benefit the Green Beret Foundation.

Email or Call for further details

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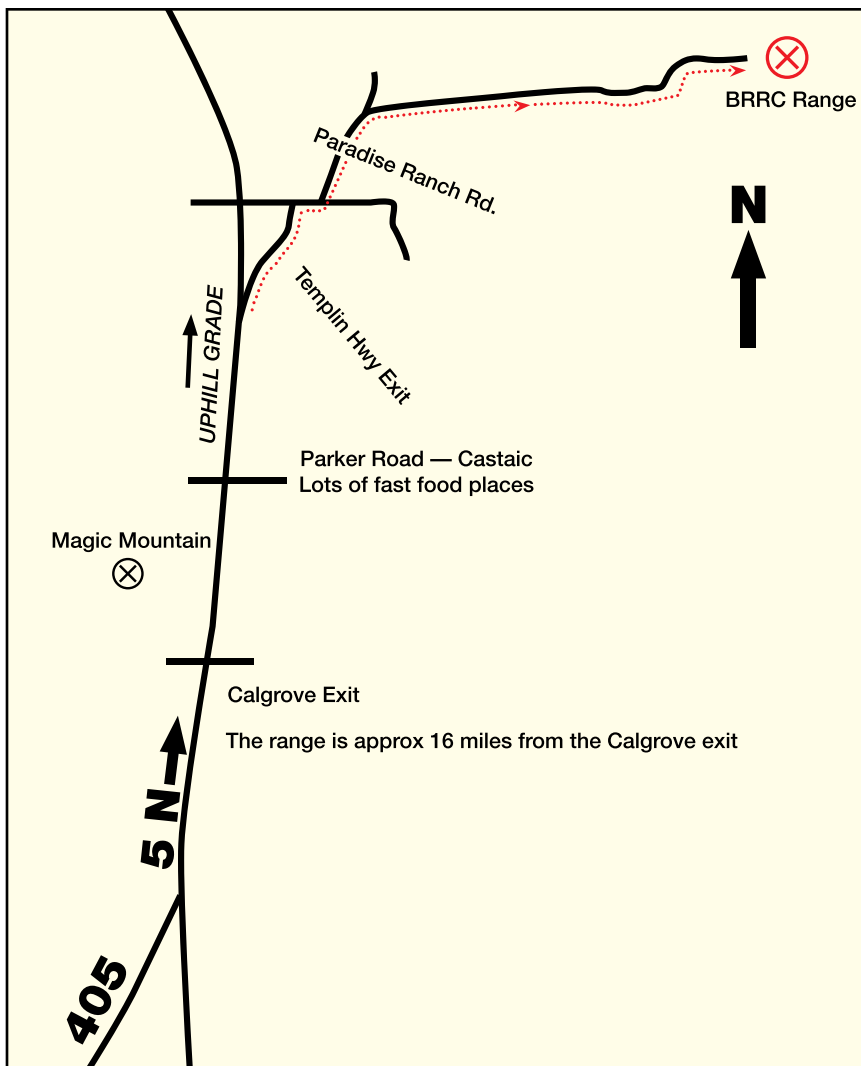
## SFA CHAPTER 78 SHOOTOUT



**Come join us for a fun day at the range on Saturday April 14th, 2012.**

This will be an all day event and family and friends are invited. There will be a \$25.00 per person charge, which will include range fees, targets, BBQ lunch and soft drinks. Make your checks payable to SFA Chapter 78. Proceeds will benefit Chapter 78.

The shootout will be at the Burbank Rifle and Revolver Club, which is approximately 8 miles north of "Magic Mountain." See the map below for exact directions. Check out the BRRRC web site at [www.brrc.org](http://www.brrc.org).



### Directions to Chapter 78 Shootout

Drive North on I-5 and exit at Templin Hwy

Exit at Templin Hwy – Turn right at bottom of exit ramp – Then make a quick left turn onto Paradise Ranch Road. Drive about two hundred yards on Paradise Ranch Rd At the entrance to the Paradise Ranch trailer park – veer to the right and follow the over head power lines back into the canyon. After about a mile you will pass the first gate (locked open). The second gate will have chain link fencing on both sides. This is the entrance to BRRRC range.