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COVER PHOTO: Jim Duffy, Terry Cagnolatti, Bruce Long, Brad Welker, Tom Redfern at Camp Mackall during the 60th Special Forces Reunion.

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# THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN July 2012

The **Southern California 101st Airborne Division Chapter** joined forces with **Special Forces Chapter 78** in raising funds for our wounded warriors at the Mike Raahauges Shooting Sports Fair on the first three days on June. Having two adjacent booths attracted more attention to the needs of our warriors returning from the current War on Terrorism.



**Lonny Holmes**  
President SFA 78

**Bruce Long** led our chapter members working our booth for all three days and was accompanied by his wife **Geri** on Saturday. Mike Raahauges located Chapter 78's booth in the prime location just down the road a piece from the entry gate. This prime location gave us the opportunity to attract more visitors to our product sales and raffle for the Kimber 1911, .45 cal

pistol and Springfield M1A rifle. Chapter 78 and Shooters Cup Banners and the SF Regimental Flags flying offered the public a very visible presence of Special Forces Men dedicated to supporting our wounded soldiers.

During the three day event members **Tom Redfern, John Joyce, Mark Miller, Steve Cowan, Jim Duffy, Richard Simonian, Mike Keele, David Sullivan, Joel Adams** and **Lonny Holmes** took their turn at staffing the booth. (Continued on page 2)



Mark Miller, Bruce Long, Lonny Holmes & Joel Adams.



Geri Long, CSM Bruce Long's wife



Lonny Holmes selling Chapter 78 items.



Our booth was always busy.





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Ozielly and Alyssa handing out Chapter 78 Brochures.



Chapter 78 booth manned by Tom Redfern, the Ladies, Lonny Holmes, Bruce Long.



Ozielly and Alyssa demonstrating our weapons. Tom Redfern and Bruce Long in background.

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We sold out of the SF Shooters Cup Challenge Coins and about 2/3 of our stock of 'T' shirts. Green Beret Foundation Polo shirts were a requested item by many women.

Raffle tickets for the Kimber Pistol and Springfield Rifle went faster than hot-cakes. These sales were high because of the new marketing model developed by member

**John Joyce** that proved to be successful. He equipped the M1A rifle with telescopic sight, bipod and rail system and designed a very nice Shooters Cup Flyer with tear off coupons for ticket buyers then provided two models to pass out the flyers as visitors approached our booth. Member **Richard Simoni-an** provided for the printing of the Shooters Cup Flyer. John's wife **Ozielly**, and a six foot tall bikini model, nearly halted foot traffic as they walked by our booth. Thus our ticket sales for

the three day event nearly totaled all of last years' fund raising. Chapter 78 offers a tip of the Beret to John Joyce, his wife Ozielly and model Alyssa for their hard work.

Besides raising funds at the Shooting Sports Fair chapter members garnered support for the October 13 Second Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup by obtaining corporate support for the event. Firearms Training Associates (FTA) led by **Bill Murphy** has agreed to come on board again by providing range safety officers and support. **Matt Garcia** of AimSports will continue with their corporate support. Chapter members also passed out many copies of the Sentinel and the Shooters Cup Brochure to generate interest in developing a larger audience for the October event.

The week following the 'Shooting Sports Fair' was the **60th Special Forces Reunion** held in Fayetteville, N.C. Chapter members **Tom Redfern, Brad Welker, Bruce Long, Terry Cagnolatti and Jim Duffy** attended and enjoyed many of the events during the week. Aside from the banquet, one of the highlights was the tour of Camp Mackall. This tour gave our members the opportunity to receive a briefing from the commanding general and learn about the *(Continued on page 3)*



Last original building at Camp Mackall.



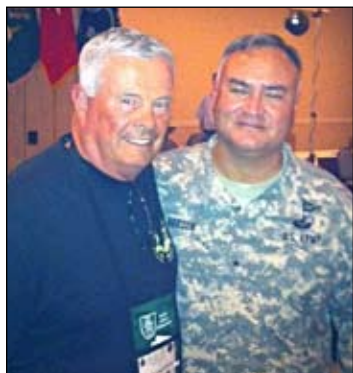
Jim Duffy, Terry Cagnolatti, Bruce Long, Brad Welker, and Tom Redfern at the Special Forces Reunion





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current training status in the Q Course and the various changes SF MOS's. Terry Cagnolatti met **SFC Don McKay** at SERES and had a discussion of the changes since our training era. Terry also had the good fortune to reconnect with **Larry Wroten** one of the members of his SF Class. Both of these SF Soldiers deployed to Iran with teams ODA 563 and 564 more than 30 years ago. This of course occurred prior to the fall of the **Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi**, on 11 February 1979.



Bruce Long and B. General Reeder at Fort Bragg.

Bruce Long was fortunate to have a discussion with **Brigadier General Reeder** and **CSM Ziser** and the topic quickly turned to Chapter 78 and the Green Beret Shooters Cup. Bruce states "both the General and the Command Sergeant Major are very supportive of our efforts and would like to see an active duty SF Team enter our event."

Jim Duffy represented the chapter at the presidents meeting and contacted many of officers of SFA National to distribute copies of the June Sentinel



SFC Don McKay and Terry Cagnolatti at SERES.



Larry Wroten and Terry Cagnolatti who deployed to Iran on ODA's 563 & 564 in the '70s.

and update them on our chapters activities. The Sentinel became a must have item at the convention and the 100 copies quickly disappeared. Jim also continued to seek corporate support for the GB Shooters Cup from the vendors who attended the reunion. ♦

## COMING EVENTS

**July Chapter 78 Meeting:** Saturday July 14, 2012, 0900 hours at American Legion Post 295.

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**Crossroads of the West Gun Shows**

Chapter 78 Booth

**JULY** — Ontario Convention Center

**Saturday, July 28 and Sunday, July 29**

**AUGUST** — Costa Mesa, Orange County Fair Grounds

**Saturday, August 18 and Sunday, August 19**

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**SOAR XXXVI Special Operations Association**

**36th Annual Reunion**

**October 22 – 26, 2012**

The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Lonny Holmes, D-6067

President, Chapter 78



US Army paratroopers at Fort Bragg.





## 60TH ANNIVERSARY SFA CONVENTION 2012



### By LTC (R) Jim Duffy

The 60th Anniversary of Army Special Forces was celebrated at the SFA 2012 Convention at Fort Bragg, NC from June 11 – 16. From Chapter 78 members attending were Terry Cagnolatti and wife, Tom Redfern, Jim Duffy, Bruce Long and wife, Brad Welker and Lee Martin. At Camp Mackall we were personally

greeted by MG Socolick and his command staff which provided great briefings on current and planned SF training. The Selection Instructors mainly now observe, evaluate and report on the candidates progress. All SF are to eventually be HALO qualified. We had lunch at the camp dining facility after which we received more briefings on SF MOS's Training, SERE, signal equipment, improvised fire making and samples of fresh road kill.

SFA Convention tours included The Airborne and Special Operations Museum and The SF Museum. BG Reeder provided a briefing on the status of SF worldwide. Member Bruce Long also attended the separate Shooting/Rifle Marksmanship Match.

I attended a private BBQ of A-109, Thuong Duc A-Team and Mike Force personnel which supported the camp during the siege of 1970. Among others attending the BBQ was 1st Ser-

geant (Ret.) Dan Chapa who was on the team that captured Che Guevara in Bolivia. The convention picnic was good for socializing and seeing the variety of equipment used by current SF A-Teams.

OASIS (501) (c) (19) Veteran's Service Organization gave a briefing on its assistance with VA Claims. OASIS hires former VA representatives to include those that made claim decisions. OASIS stands ready to assist you through the VA Claim Process. Website: [osasisgrp.org](http://osasisgrp.org); Telephone: (360) 459-0777; POC Steven H. Eppersen, SOF Advocate at email [18b@comcast.net](mailto:18b@comcast.net).

I attended both the President's and General Membership Meetings. The status of SFA (86 chapters) and the SF Regiment is great and positively progressing to be the best organizations for Army Special Forces. The banquet guest speaker was MG (Ret.) Shachnow whose origin goes back to his liberation as a Holocaust survivor by the Soviet Army. The convention/hotel hospitality suites provided free drinks, entertainment, comrade and good looking barmaids.

Overall, the most important feature of the convention was the meeting of former team mates, old friends, new friends and the resulting comrade – no convention features or events can match that interaction of friendship. In 2013 the convention venue is San Antonio, TX and in 2014 its in Columbia, SC. ❖



A sign at one of the entrances to Fort Bragg, the location of the SFA 2012 Convention.



## FORT BRAGG 2012



Tom Redfern looking a lot like Brad Welker

By Tom Redfern

Sitting in the hospitality room one afternoon I noticed small groups of really old guys sitting around with a cold drink in their hands. You could tell by the conversations that they were life long friends. Reading their name tags I began to realize that they were the senior NCO's from training and group 40 years ago. Due to them Special Forces is what it is today. Thank you.

Actually I am sure they were hanging out together because the bar was open and seating was limited.

In contrast Camp Mackall was unrecognizable except for the pine trees and dirt. A Club Med in the woods with air conditioning. Even the BBQ pit over at SERE was first class. Aptly called the "Road Kill Cafe". A nice Pinot Noir would have complemented SERE's culinary skills. By the way guys, the copperhead was a little over done.

Brad and I spent one afternoon at Bragg trying to remember which building was which. Was it white or brick? Smoke Bomb Hill is gone. It appears that they filled the area with condos. You know you are in S.F. territory when an E-5 Sergeant is on grass mowing detail. Private who?

While visiting the Special Forces museum (awesome) I spoke with a SFC from the 1st (no name due to National Security — OK) who claims he was at Bragg checking on the other group's behavior. He assured me that the booze guzzling skirt-chasing SF is alive and well.

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SF Creed at Fort Bragg.





# 2nd Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup October 13th, 2012

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The 2nd annual Green Beret Shooters Cup will take place at Mike Raahuage's Gun Club on October 13th, 2012. This is a combat pistol competition featuring 5-man teams from LAPD SWAT, FBI, US Army Special Forces, Special Operations Command, LA DA's Office, LA Sheriff's and many other Police and Military Agencies.

The money raised from this event benefits wounded Green Beret's returning from service in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We invite the public to attend our free event. There will be booths set up by our sponsors like Aimpoint, Point Blank, Rapid Reticle and many, many more. We will be raffling off many great shooters prizes as well.

Come and see these amazing teams compete and support your wounded Green Beret Veterans who have given so much to protect the United States of America and our way of life.



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