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**Lonny Holmes**  
President SFA 78

## PRESIDENTS COLUMN November 2012

### LONG BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT WINS 2012 GREEN BERET SHOOTERS CUP

The **Long Beach Police Department** wins the Second Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup from a field of twenty very competitive law enforcement and military teams. Led by Team Captain **Scott Holder**, members **Jeremy Haining**, **Pat Dougherty**, **Todd Nevel-**

**ing and Gab Garrido** garnered the trophy from last years champion, **Los Angeles Police Department Team Blue**. The Long Beach combined team score of the five rigorous scenarios was an outstanding 1771.59 seconds. Three Long Beach P.D. team members, **Scott Holder**, **Pat Dougherty** and **Jeremy Haining** scored in the top six of all 100 competitors.

The 2012 Green Beret Shooters Cup started off with the Presentation of the Colors by the Sonora High School Junior ROTC Color Guard composed of 2nd Lt. **Nathan Bernier**, the Saber Bearer, **1st Lt. Byan Jung**, **Rose Marshall**, **Michael Rosas** and **Belan Mora**. **Madison Carney** sang the National Anthem. **Fritz Saalman** was the Senior Junior ROTC Cadre member representing Sonora High School. Mr. Saalman is a retired Special Forces Soldier.

Special Forces Association Chapter 78 President **Lonny Holmes** introduced **Eugene Montanez**, Mayor of the City of Corona. Mr. Montanez thanked Chapter 78 for hosting the GBSC in his city and developing the "Cup" as a means to support our Wounded Green Berets in the War on Terrorism. The Mayor noted that the City of Corona did not have a team in the 2012 competition and hopes to have a team from his Police Department enter next years "Cup."

**Steve Cowan**, Director of the Green Beret Shooters Cup welcomed all the competing teams, sponsors, his staff and support personnel. Director Cowan then introduced the key members who ran the 2012 event. These "Cup" leaders included **Joel Adams** of the Los Angeles County District Attorneys office who is the Chief Range Master and designer of the five scenarios, **Chris Martin**, a Chapter 78 member and officer in the Long Beach Police Department held the important position of Senior Range Master. **Hal Patterson** led the Range Safety Officers which included Chapter 78 members and volunteers from Fire Arms Training Associates. **Ron Jung** Target Master, provided members of his staff and help construct targets and apparatus used in the scenarios and helped in range layout.

At 0815 hours the "Green Beret Shooters Cup" kicked off with a Safety Briefing by Chief Range Master **Joel Adams**. (Joel is also Chief RangeMaster for the L.A.C. D.A. Office). All the competing teams were then turned over to the Range Safety Officers at each stage to begin the "contest." The five scenarios included the Steeple Chase, the Prisoner Rescue, 25 yard Bullseye, Weak Hand Shoot, and Box Drill.

The highlights of the day were the Prisoner Rescue that required a door breach, destruction of several I.E.D.s, the rescue and shoot 90 targets while wearing body armor and carrying a ballistic shield provided by **Point Blank Armor**. The Steeple Chase was physically demanding with the run carrying a two hundred pound log for two hundred yards and required extreme accuracy to hit the 10 clay pigeons. Both events proved you had to be a good shooter and in excellent condition to win. By the way, the 25 yard, 10 round NRA type target shoot separated the good shooters also. Shooting, loading, and chambering rounds with only your weak hand (dominate hand isolated with a piece of 4 inch PSP pipe) challenged many competitors.

In the eight hours of competition, spectators and staff could see the competitive nature of the teams and their excitement as they advanced from scenario to scenario. At the days end, all said this had been a very challenging and fun competition.

**Colonel Roger Donlon** presented the Long Beach Police Department Team with the "coveted" Green Beret Shooters Cup Trophy. They will keep the "Cup" for one year then return and compete to see what team will win the "Cup" for the Third Annual GBSC.

Steve Cowan, Colonel Donlon and LTC Brown then presented all teams with prizes donated by our corporate sponsors.

Note that teams three thru ten had very close scores. It will take a determined team to win next years event.

**Terry Cagnolatti** has followed up with all team captains since the  
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**Lonny Holmes introducing Eugene Montanez**  
Mayor of the City of Corona





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"Cup" and they all desire to return. Many departments will be selecting their best 'shooters' to practice during the year. Terry also noted that department chiefs and assistant chiefs are determined to have their team return to win the event. These comments demonstrate the attention and subsequent level of competition the Green Beret Shooters Cup has generated.

All team and individual scores are posted on the GBSC web page, [www.sfa78cup.com](http://www.sfa78cup.com). Pictures and a video will be posted soon. We hope you visit the site and enjoy the days spirit.

**Ruth Couse** of Laguna Beach, CA won the Chapter 78 raffle of the Kimber 1911 .45 cal. pistol. **Craig Evans** of the San Diego Police Department SWAT Team # 2 was Top Shot of the GBSC and also won a Kimber 1911 .45 cal. pistol. **Jesse Sandler** of the United States Coast Guard Team P-311 (Fighting Sea Horses) won the Custom AK-47 rifle provided by **Aim Sports** and **Enterprise Arms**. **Robert Owens** of the Long Beach Police Department won the Custom Built AR rifle provided by **Hal Patterson** and **O.C. Armory**. Chapter 78 member **Jim Duffy** won the Air Soft M-249B rifle donated by **ECHO 1**. **Chris Hurt** of Point Blank Armor (a sponsor) won the days "Fun Shoot" and was provided with a prize by Jim Duffy.

Two key individuals who actually produced the 2012 GBSC are **LTC (R) Jim Duffy** and **Terry Cagnolatti**, a Senior Officer of the Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office. Both are Chapter 78 members. Jim chaired the Corporate Sponsor Development Committee which provided financial and product donations. Terry chaired the Team Selection and coordinated with all competing teams.

**John Joyce**, **Bruce Long** and **Mike Keele** worked behind the scene all year to develop various aspects required for the events success. John was the Media Chair for GBSC Promotion and developed the scoring with Andrew of **Grid 35** for individual and team placement. Bruce coordinated with General Reeder of Special Forces Command for active duty Special Forces teams, United States Coast Guard for two teams and the Chief Petty Officers Association who cooked the lunch. He also coordinated with the City of Corona. Mike Keele was a fund raiser extraordinary, and a master in construction projects.

**Tom Redfern** chaired Site Support Team, had the stage built, provided our sound system, and worked many jobs on event day. **John "Tilt" Meyer**, chapter member and president of the Special Operations Association scheduled our Guest of Honor, **Colonel (R) Roger Donlon**, recipient of the Medal of Honor, and was his escort. **Brad Welker** escorted **LTC (R) Robert K. Brown** publisher of the Soldier of Fortune Magazine. During the "Shooters Cup," **Command Sergeant Major (R) Ramon Rodriguez** (3 silver Stars) drove Colonel Donlon and LTC Brown around the event in a Cadillac Eldorado Golf Cart provided by Mike Keele. I must say that many other members provided insight in event development and participated in many areas during the "Cup."

I thank all competitors, sponsor, staff and crew who participated in the Second Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup. I look forward to the 2013, Third Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup. Remember all funds generated by this charity event are donated to the Green Beret Foundation to help support our Wounded Green Berets in the War on Terrorism. ♦

Lonny Holmes  
SFA 78



Fritz Saalman, Madison Carney and Sonora High School Jr. ROTC Color Guard



# 2012 GREEN BERET SHOOTERS CUP

Mike Raahauge Shooting Enterprises – Saturday, 13 OCT 2012

## 2012 Green Beret Shooters Cup Teams

PLACE	TEAM	SCORE
1	Long Beach P.D.	1771.59
2	San Diego P.D. SWAT – Team #2	1920.54
3	L.A. Lawmen Blue – LAPD	2023.04
4	Torrance P.D. SWAT	2078.63
5	Metro Mix K-9	2103.23
6	Anaheim Police SWAT Team	2243.37
7	San Diego P.D. SWAT – Team #1	2271.89
8	FBI SD SWAT	2282.85
9	Ch. 23, SFO – Naval Postgrad School	2289.41
10	SL.A. Lawmen Red – LAPD	2339.60
11	LADA – Bureau of Investigation	2557.26
12	Newport Beach SWAT	2584.14
13	L.A. County Sheriff Dept. – Team #2	2664.55
14	CA Highway Patrol – Wolfpack	2980.44
15	L.A. County Sheriff Dept. – Team #1	3088.54
16	U.S. Coast Guard Team (AIT-2)	3374.80
17	USCG-P-311 – The Fighting Sea Horses	3399.52
18	NCA – Mixed – Big Game Hunters	3529.30
19	A.F.T. – Untouchables	3628.86
20	California State Fullerton	3881.43

## 2012 Top 10 Individual Shooter Scores

PLACE	SHOOTER NAME/NUMBER AND TEAM	SCORE
1	Craig Evans #23 San Diego P.D. SWAT – Team #2	245.21
2	Jeff Gross #22 San Diego P.D. SWAT – Team #2	257.68
3	Cliff Chu #12 Metro Mix K-9	285.40
4	Scott Holder #46 Long Beach P.D.	285.95
5	Pat Dougherty #48 Long Beach P.D.	293.06
6	Jeremy Haining #47 Long Beach P.D.	292.39
7	Chris Yamate #5 L.A. Lawmen Blue – LAPD	294.81
8	Greg Duran #3 L.A. Lawmen Blue – LAPD	297.12
9	Matthew McKee #82 Ch. 23, SFO – Naval Postgrad School	300.16
10	Charles Joh #14 Metro Mix K-9	303.51



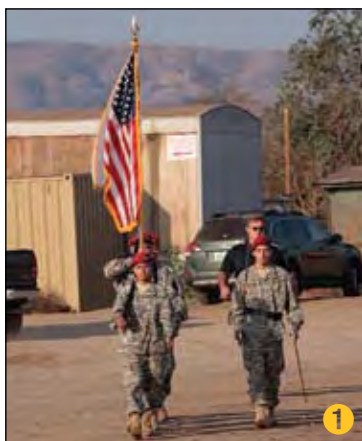


## GREEN BERET SHOOTERS CUP GALLERY



Eyes on the Competition

- 1 Color Guard from Sonora High School, Junior ROTC Program
- 2 Joel Adams, Chief Range Officer giving Safety Briefing
- 3 Weak hand chambering of a round.
- 4 Torrance Police Department SWAT caring the 200 lb log in the Steeple Chase Event
- 5 Door Breaching in the POW Event
- 6 San Diego Police SWAT
- 7 Joshua Hart of Team US Coast Guard AIT-2 beginning the run in the Steeple Chase
- 8 SGM Bruce Long of Chapter 78 timing an event.



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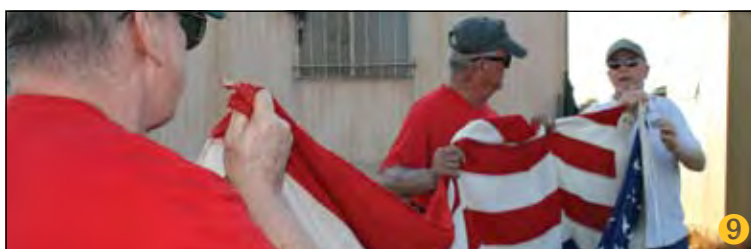
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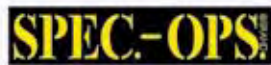
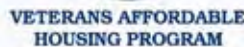
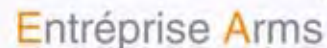
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- 1 Long Beach Police Department Team & Col. Donlon with Green Beret Shooters Cup and prizes
- 2 LTC Robert K. Brown shaking hands with Colonel Roger Donlon, MOH
- 3 Hal Patterson presenting custom AR Rifle to Robert Owens of Long Beach Police Team
- 4 Colonel Roger Donlon MOH, and LTC Robert Brown Publisher of Soldier of Fortune Magazine
- 5 Ruth Couse wins Kimber 1911 .45 cal. pistol.
- 6 LTC Jim Duffy, Chair of Corporate Sponsor Committee with Rifle from ECHO 1 he won.
- 7 Matt Garcia of Aim Sports presenting AK-47 Rifle to Jesse Sandler of USCG Team P-311.
- 8 Lonny Holmes speaking with Richard Nguyen of Rapid Reticle a major sponsor of the GBSC.
- 9 End of the day folding the American Flag Mike Keele Bruce Long





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