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Lonny Holmes
President SFA 78

PRESIDENTS COLUMN December 2012

The new year is approaching rapidly and, looking back, Chapter 78 has accomplished the goals we set in early January. In some areas, such as fund raising for the Green Beret Shooters Cup, we have exceeded our early estimations. For the first time Chapter 78 provided two scholarship checks to a ROTC Cadet at California State University and Claremont McKenna.

Our biggest project was of course "The Second Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup" which was won by the **Long Beach Police Department Team**. We thank chapter member **Chris Martin**, a LBPd officer, who organized the team and encouraged them to perform well. Please note that Chris also worked very hard event day as a range master.

Fund raising, corporate sponsorships and donations, which are the driving force of putting on a charity event such as the GBSC, could not have been achieved without the tireless effort of **Jim Duffy**. A tip of the "Beret" to Jim.

GBSC Team Members and all chapter members who worked on projects in developing this years "Cup" and spent many hours over Friday and Saturday in October, I personally thank you. This was truly a "team" event.

As I mentioned earlier we expanded our involvement in the ROTC Awards Program this year by presenting a cash donation to two individuals. The funds for these awards were donated by member **Mike Keele**. This year we have increased our financial base by selling the raffle tickets for the M1A Rifle. This money will help support our efforts for the ROTC programs in 2013. Ed Barrett led the way by coordinating with all programs. This is the 10th year Ed has single handedly "manned" this job. A tip of the "Beret" to Ed. Again, a goal we set in January and exceeded.

Chapter 78's newsletter, The Sentinel, we began publishing again in March thanks to the support of the Veterans Affordable Housing Program, is highly regarded by national and world read-

ership. The VAHP covers the administrative cost of the Sentinels layout (editorial production) and printing. The glossy professional copies members receive are the best of all current SF Chapters nation wide. We continue to lead SF Chapters nationally and have a voice to demonstrate the fact! However to maintain this high level of publication I need your support in writing articles and sending in photographs all which attract readership.

Jim Duffy represented the chapter at the 60th Special Forces Anniversary at the SFA Convention held in Fayetteville NC. Jim, a long time friend of the SFA President, **Jack Tobin**, continues to garner closer ties between the chapter and the national office.

Mark Miller, Jim Duffy, Mike Keele, Lonny Holmes and Ed Barrett attended the Special Operations Association meeting in Las Vegas, NV. SOAR XXXVI was a huge success thanks to chapter member and SOA President **John Meyer**. Over 600 members and guests attended the banquet. **Jim Weldon**, previous Chapter 78 member who moved to Texas, joined us for lunch. Jim is happy with his move since he is closer to his children. **Major General Mark A. Clark**, Commander U.S. Marine Corps Forces-Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune, N.C. was the key note speaker. I have been told that General Clark is the grandson of the famous WWII General Mark W. Clark who (Continued on page 2)



Kim Holmes and SOA President John "Tilt" Meyer at SOAR XXXVI.



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became the overall allied commander of ground troops in Italy.

Christmas Dinner at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club on Saturday, December 22, 2012 will be the official last chapter endeavor for the year. We hope to see all members attend the dinner and Newport Beach Christmas Yacht Parade. OSM's and Chapter Member of the year awards will also be presented. Members of the Long Beach Police Department - winners of the GBSC Trophy have been invited as well as members of the 19th SFG(A). Reservations must be in by December 10. The cost is \$30.00 per member and each guest. Be early for parking is by valet only and the lot will fill rapidly due to the parade. Traffic will be heavy so plan your time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. ❖

Lonny Holmes
SFA 78



Kim Holmes and Major General Mark A. Clark at SOAR XXXVI, in Las Vegas, October 2012

UPCOMING EVENTS

NO CHAPTER MEETING FOR DECEMBER.

The NEXT meeting is January 12, 2013.

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Special Forces Association Chapter 78

Christmas Party

Saturday December 22, 2012

4PM

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona Del Mar



Halloween, 1990 – Interesting costume choice for Brad Welker's son Ryan, now SSG Welker of the 2nd Bn of the 5th Special Forces Group at Fort Campbell.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND...



More photos from the 2012 Green Beret Shooters Cup

① Special Forces Giants: Colonel Donlon, LTC Brown, CSM Rodriguez and Special Operations Association President John "Tilt" Meyer.

② Terry Cagnolatti reading the Special Forces Prayer.

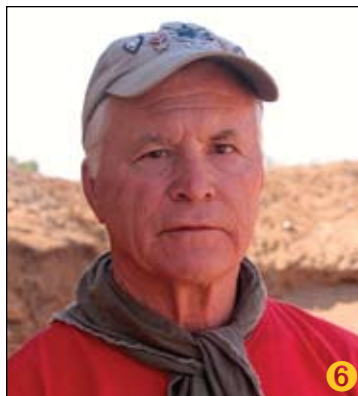
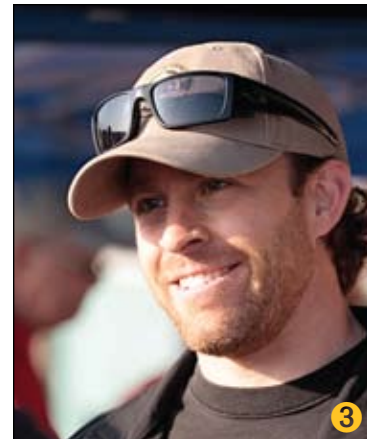
③ Aaron Anderson, Retired SF Soldier and Founder of the Green Beret Foundation

④ The Competitors want this! The GREEN BERET SHOOTER'S CUP trophy.

⑤ Competitor heads bowed as the Special Forces Prayer is read at the Opening Ceremony.

⑥ Mark Miller of SFA Chapter 78

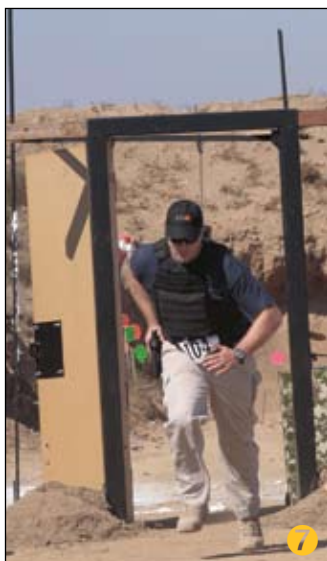
⑦ Colonel Roger Donlon MOH, and LTC Robert Brown Publisher of Soldier of Fortune Magazine





- 1 Bill Darnell of C-23, which sponsors the Special Forces Team from the Naval Post
- 2 Steve Cowan, GBSC Director conferring with C-78 President Lonny Holmes on L.B.P.D.
- 3 Command and Scoring HQ and banner
- 4 CSM retired Ramon Rodriguez of C-78. He has three Silver Stars from Vietnam War.
- 5 Guest of Honor, Colonel Roger Donlon, Medal of Honor recipient
- 6 Rapid Reticle booth
- 7 Sponsor booth of Enterprise Arms
- 8 Richard Nguyen of Rapid Reticle a major sponsor of the GBSC, has his eyes on the competition.





- 1 U.S.Coast Guard Team A.I.T. - 2
- 2 5.11 Tactical Booth
- 3 Team Captain Greg Davis and Jeff Scott of Los Angeles District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation
- 4 Nhut Huynh, Team Captain of Metro Mix K-9. L.B.P.D
- 5 Hal Patterson a Range Safety Officer and sponsor sets two I.E.D.'s to be eliminated immediately after Breaching the Door.
- 6 L.B.P.D. Team Captain, Scott Holder with "The Cup."
- 7 Jesse Sandler of USCG Team P-311, The Fighting Sea Horses running back after the POW rescue.
- 8 Art Peralta of A.T.F. Untouchables after good shoot.
- 9 C-78 Chris Martin (and Long Beach Police P.D. SWAT) as Senior Range Master
- 10 Team California Highway Patrol Wolfpack member Johnie Russell distributing ammo to team.

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 78 2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2012 › 4:00 PM

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club 

1601 BAYSIDE DRIVE, CORONA DEL MAR, CA 92625

JOIN FELLOW CHAPTER MEMBERS FOR A
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
& VIEW THE 104TH ANNUAL
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\$30.00 PER MEMBER/GUEST

RESERVATIONS DEADLINE:
DECEMBER 10.

– VALET PARKING ONLY –
PLAN TO BE EARLY.

DUE TO THE BOAT PARADE
THE LOT WILL FILL QUICKLY.

Menu

CAESAR SALAD
MEDITERRANEAN SALAD
POTATO SALAD
CAULIFLOWER SALAD
WALDORF SALAD
CELERY ROOT REMOULADE
ASIAN NOODLE SALAD
WITH SHRIMP
FRUIT SALAD

CARVED PRIME RIB, AU JUS &
HORSERADISH
ROASTED CHICKEN, SAGE
MUSHROOM SAUCE
GRILLED TOP SIRLOIN STEAK,
PEPPERCORN SAUCE
SALMON, PARSLEY CHARDONNAY CREAM
POTATO AU GRATIN
SAUTÉED GREEN BEANS
ASSORTED PASTRY MIRROR

