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MEMBER OF THE YEAR**

Richard Simonian
Chapter 78
2013 Man of the Year



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Lonny Holmes
Sentinel Editor

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Richard Simonian, SFA Chapter 78 "Member of the Year" was presented with a beautiful marble plaque at our Annual Christmas Dinner. Richard has strongly supported our chapter since its beginning 15 years ago.

One hundred and four members, family, friends, L.A. Lawmen Blue – the GBSC

winning team, representatives of the 19th SFA (A) Group and U.S. Coast Guard attended our Christmas Dinner at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. **Bill Darnel** past president of SFA C-23 and current Region VIII Chair was a guest of Bruce Long. Invited guests also included members of the business community who support the chapter; **Michael Hou** of KRISS Corp, **Travis Culver** of Ammo Brothers, **David En** of JAG Precision, and **Dave Thomas** of Special Forces Gear.

Highlights of the evening began with **Andrea Miller** singing "The Ballad of the Green Beret" and "The A-Team." Andrea followed with a medley of Christmas songs. Tom Redfern provided a corsage to Geri Long, Juliette Cagnolatti, Cora Keele and Nilda Holmes, members wives who worked hard this year supporting the chapter. The Christmas Buffet was totally outstanding. According to **Mr. Keele** the desert was the best ever!

Jim Duffy gave the "Oath of Office" to the 2014-2015 Board of Directors, **Bruce Long, Tom Redfern, Lee Martin, Mark Miller** and **Terry Cagnolatti**. Treasurer **John Joyce** was absent – on a month long vacation with his family in Brazil. Members of the 2010 to 2013 Board as well as member of the GBSC leadership were presented with a Special Forces plaque in recognition for their hard work and dedication to the chapter.

Both a silent auction and raffle were held as a chapter fund raising event for 2014. **Bill Darnel** had the winning bid on a Glock 17 provided by **Mike Keele**. **Jim Shray** won a SOG Limited Edition Gunny Knife. **Geri Long** raffled two beautiful Christmas wreaths. The chapter raised nearly \$2000 during the evening.

Jason Monroe presented the Third Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup Film and received a standing ovation. This edition was totally action filled and included several very slow motion shots and an interesting view from a UAV.

January 2014 begins a new year with a new board of directors who are all energized and ready to begin leading our chapter with new ideas and a commitment to better the Special Forces Association. When our leadership calls on you to give a helping hand, join them and provide all the support possible. ♦

Lonny Holmes
Sentinel Editor

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COVER PHOTO: Richard Simonian SFA Chapter 78 "Member of the Year."

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THE PRESIDENTS PAGE



Bruce Long
President SFA 78

PRESIDENTS COLUMN JANUARY 2014

Happy New Year everyone!

What a **GREAT** Christmas Party and big Thanks to **Richard Simonian** for hosting it at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club in Corona Del Mar. As usual we were sold out two weeks before the actual event.

As your new President, I thought I would share some of my goals and objectives that I hope to complete within my tenure as your President for the next two years.

'Crowd funding' an easy way to make money for your charity at no cost. I looked at a web site called, Raise Money on Line. This company assures me there's no money out of our pocket. They make all of their money through sponsors / advertising. I have not pursued this as this concept is being looked at by Veterans Affordable Housing Program. More to follow on this endeavor.

The Fourth Annual Chapter Shooters Cup will be as good if not better in 2014. As most of you know, the surveys that were conducted show that the Law Enforcement Teams would like to keep the venue right where it is. Steve Cowan, Joel Adams and Lonny Holmes along with our wiz bang computer staff have some new and ideas to make this event even more challenging.

Our first meeting will be conducted at the American Legion Post 295 in the city of Cypress on January 11, 2014. As most of you know, we have been unable to have a prepared breakfast and have been bringing it in for one of the local restaurants.

In February we will meet at American Legion Post 291 located in Newport Beach. I have already made the reservation. This meeting will start at 1000 hrs and conclude at 1200 hrs followed by lunch at this Post. I think all of you will be favorably impressed as this Post offers a lot of social activities that we as a Chapter may wish to get involved with.

Please take a minute and look at American Legion Post 291's web site at al291.org.

Tom Redfern, your Vice President is in the process of putting together a yearly calendar so that we can project events fur-

ther out. I would like to see the Chapter do more social activities that would include family members and other Chapters such as, Chapter 12 and 75. These events, whenever possible, would take place during our regular scheduled meetings.

Bill Darnell, past President of SFA Chapter 23, is the current SFA Region 8 Representative who also wishes to work with our Chapter.

This is where you, as Chapter members come in. If you have suggestions PLEASE send them in or bring them up at our meetings under new business.

As we all know, we have one of the BEST Chapters in the United States and the only way we can maintain this is by working together as an 'A' Team. I cannot do it alone and I know all of you will work with me to make it happen. This will be one of my main goals, to get more Chapter members involved.

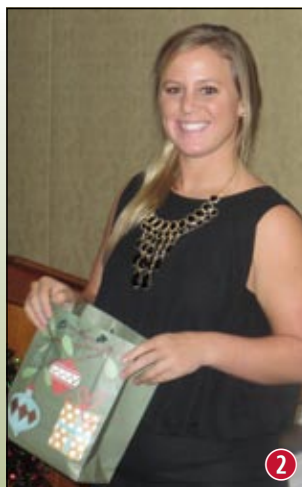
Bruce D Long
President
SGM, SF (Ret)
SFA Chapter 78
January 1, 2014



Chapter 78's new Board of Directors, Bruce Long, Lee Martin, Tom Redfern, Mark Miller and Terry Cagnolatti.



SFA CHAPTER 78 CHRISTMAS DINNER 2013



❶ The Newport Beach Christmas Yacht Parade

❷ Kim Holmes calling door prize winners

❸ David En and wife. David is owner & CEO of JAG Precision

❹ Christmas Wreaths raffled by Geri Long to raise funds for Chapter 78

❺ Members of the 19th SFG (A), SFC Rob Richmond, SFC Boteilho, SFC Kristapor Boodaghian

❻ LTC Dave Thomas and date. Dave owns Special Forces Gear

❼ Mike Keele and Lonny Holmes

❽ SFA Chapter 78 President Bruce Long with three members of the U.S. Coast Guard GBSC Team

❾ Andrea Miller sang The "Ballad of the Green Berets", "The A-Team" and a medley Christmas songs

2013 RECOGNITION AND AWARDS



⑩ SFA Chapter 78 members who have been awarded the National Infantry Association Order of Saint Maurice

⑪ Richard Simonian, SFA Chapter 78 Member of the Year, and Andrea Miller, future daughter-in-law and the evenings guest singer

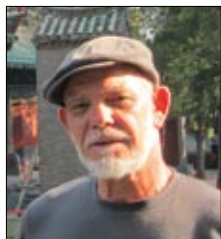
⑫ Terry Cagnolatti with SFC Robert Richmond. Nilda Holmes in background

⑬ CSM Robert Crebbs preparing for the POW-MIA Ceremony

⑭ Terry Cagnolatti and Richard Simonian with L.A.P.D. Team, L.A. Lawmen Blue, (left to right) Chris Yamate, Alex Chan, Greg Duran, Jim Shray and Nic Price, winners of the Third Annual Green Beret Shooters Cup



BOOK REVIEW – BEHIND THE LINES



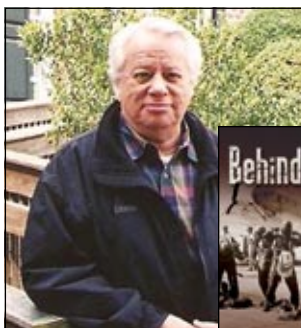
Kenn Miller

By Kenn Miller

BEHIND THE LINES: A Critical Survey of Special Operations in World War II by **Michael F. Dilley**, copyright 2013, Case-mate Publishers. ISBN 978-1-61200-183-8, 262 pages, Photographs, Appendix A & B, Bibliography

Men who have played a part in history by their military service tend to be life-long students of military history. In **BEHIND THE LINES**, Mike Dilley looks at a wide range of World War II special operations units and missions, and then critiques the missions — and to some extent the makeup of the units performing them — according to criteria for mission failure established by Lucien S. Vandenbroucke (“wishful thinking” being one of them), and the criteria for mission success established by Admiral William McRaven.

The book is in two parts. The first and longest part deals with both allied and axis operations behind enemy lines. Many of these operations are at least superficially known to most students of military special operations history, but some of these — especially the Soviet and Japanese airborne operations — are likely to be unfamiliar to most readers. But even when dealing with operations and units with which we might think we are familiar, Dilley gives us new perspectives, new



Michael F. Dilley,
author

insights, and new and often fascinating details. The second and shorter part of the book deals with missions behind (or within) friendly lines. One example of this category is the rescue of Mussolini from Gran Sasso by German forces under Otto Skorzeny. Another is the 555th PIR’s invention of “smoke jumping” to fight forest fires started by Japanese incendiary balloon bombs that were originally intended to target West Coast American cities. Don’t skip over this second part, for it is a very good read — especially the tale of Navy intelligence pulling one truly splendid B&E in New York City before sending the skill set off to Europe to use against the Nazis.

Listed at \$32.95, Dilley’s **BEHIND THE LINES** is worth buying in hardcover, even if you have to buy it online and hope Amazon doesn’t try to deliver it by a drone.

PS: I used to wonder why the Alamo Scouts belong in the Special Forces lineage instead of the Ranger lineage, but reading Dilley’s account, now I understand.

Kenn Miller was assigned to the 1st BDE of 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam and then completed the MACV Recondo School and served on a recon team, then becoming recon team leader. Kenn subsequently extended his Vietnam service in recon three times serving in combat over 2 years. Kenn is the author of several books including “Six Silent Men” and the novel “LURP Dog.”



CSM Jon Cavaiani, Medal of Honor recipient, who had a bone marrow transplant.

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RICHARD SIMONIAN

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CHAPTER 78 MEMBER OF THE YEAR

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Lonny Holmes

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