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Lonny Holmes
Sentinel Editor

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

EUROPEAN SECURITY:

Strict and passenger friendly.

Nilda and I just completed a three week vacation in Europe and returned home by a Delta airline flight from Schipho, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Security was extremely tight yet very friendly. During the past year we have traveled nearly 75,000 air

miles, both nationally and internationally, and never experienced such efficient, courteous and professional airport service.

Briefly, I will describe our experience leaving Schipho Airport and give you some idea how it differs from U.S. airports and our beloved TSA personnel. Passenger security/scrutiny differs depending on which country you arrive from and are traveling to. Since we were to board an international flight to the United States security checks proved to be of the highest order.

Passenger check-in at the Delta Airlines desk was routine, passport, ID, and ticket checks followed by luggage check-in. From the airline check-in desk Nilda and I proceeded to the assigned departing gate — note, without going through security measures, other than a second passport, ID, and ticket check, at the Central Passport Control Post by the Dutch Border Police (Koninklijke Marechaussee) near our assigned terminal wing. On arrival at our designated departing gate we were greeted by several men and women in business suits and ties who again checked our passports and tickets and settled us into a waiting room. About 45 minutes prior to boarding we were called to the entrance to a second screening area where our passports and tickets were again checked by well dressed (business suits and ties) men and women. They checked our papers and verified them on their computers. Armed uniform guards were visible but kept a discrete distance at all times. We then were requested to proceed to a table in the middle of a large room where a number of these tables stood about 15 feet apart. All passengers complete all the stages I describe equally.

At the table, waist high, no chairs, we were again greeted by a well dressed security agent in a business suit. He checked our passports, tickets and looked at us very closely, then asked us both a series of questions — different for each of us, all the while closely observing us. This same procedure was going on at many other tables concurrently. Our security agent then proceeded to a bank of computers at the edge of the room then returned and questioned us again in a very detailed manner, a highly efficient, professional and courteous manner which we never experienced at U.S. airports. The security agent then guided us to the screening area immediately behind his table.

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THE PRESIDENTS PAGE



Bruce Long
President SFA 78

PRESIDENTS COLUMN AUGUST 2014

Our July meeting at the American Legion Post 291 was well represented by Chapter members. **Aaron Anderson** Co-founder of the 'Green Beret Foundation' was also in attendance.

MSG James Foley the designated LNO from A Co, 5th Bn, 19th SFG gave us a 'one over the world' briefing on Alpha Company's deployment to Ni-

geria and their upcoming UW mission. It should also be noted that MSG Foley will be joining our Chapter in the very near future along with **SFC Boodaghian**.

In other news from Alpha Company — **Hank Eylicio** has been promoted and will be the New SGM. **SGM Beetham** will be moving next door to the SOD North.

Jim Duffy gave us a briefing on the 2014 SFA Convention that was held in Charleston, South Carolina and presented the Chapter with a plaque for the **BEST** Monthly Newsletter for 2014. This is the second award the Chapter newsletter has received. A special thanks goes out to the Editor & Chief **Lonny Holmes**. Next year's convention will be in Portland, Oregon which means we should have a good turn-out from our Chapter.

Finally, don't forget our next meeting Aug 9th at the American Legion Post 291. We will also have a guest speaker, **Cliff Armas**. Details are shown below this article and on the following page.

Latest News: UNCLASSIFIED INTEL

Some company commanders on the front lines of Afghanistan

are being given pink slips. The "reduction in force" measures are coming due to the due "sequestration" cuts that were imposed in 2011. Senator James Inhofe, the ranking Republican on the Senate Armed Service Committee, blasted the layoffs in a statement, saying "My heart goes out to these men and women."

According to multiple reports, officers who are currently commanding units on the front lines in Afghanistan are being told they will be involuntarily separated from the Army. The notices are part of an effort to take the Army down from 520,000 to 450,000, and will target 2,600 officers.

The layoffs are generating criticism. "It puts the soldier, the soldier's family and the men under his command at risk," retired Major General Robert Scales, told FoxNews.com. "Young officers look at each other and wonder who is next."

Men and women who are risking their lives and making great sacrifices yet are now being told they are being separated from the Army and will have no job when they return home to their families. Our military's readiness and war fighting capability are clearly not the priorities of this President. The alarming cutbacks happening with our military are a direct result of the priorities the President has set for the nation with the resources we have. There are many other programs in the federal government that can be looked at, reformed, and cut, therefore the President owns this issue. These pink slips are just the beginning. If defense sequestration continues, our Army could reach 420,000, which will lead to more troops losing their jobs while on the front lines in the coming years. This is devastating for morale and even worse for our national security. ♦

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

August Chapter 78 Meeting – August 9th 1000 hrs at the Hut (Yacht Club Bldg)

The Hut is located just west of the American Legion Post 291 and inside their parking lot.

Special Guest Speaker Cliff Armas of the LA Police Emerald Society

Cliff Armas has been a law enforcement officer for the Los Angeles Police for the past 37 years and has 15 years service with the U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard serving with the Special Forces. He plays the Bag Pipe's for the Los Angeles Emerald Society and is the current secretary.

In his law enforcement career, Cliff has worked many L.A. Police Divisions including Rampart, Wilshire, Hollenbeck, Newton and Central. He has had duty as adjunct firearms instructor and surveillance and spent 13 years in the Officer Representation Section representing officers involved in shootings, custodial deaths and categorical use of force. Cliff has represented over 200 officers in administrative appeals hearings and over 500 officers in personnel complaint interviews.

Cliff Armas' long service in Special Forces includes MOS of 18B, 18F, and 18Z, with the current rank of SFC, E-7. He deployed to Haiti for Operation Maintain/Uphold Democracy. His Green Beret service was with the 12th SFG(A) and currently the 19th SFG(A).



for your Information

LOS ANGELES POLICE EMERALD SOCIETY PIPES AND DRUMS

By Cliff Armas, Executive Director

The Thin Blue Line

June, 2014

As this article is going to the press, the band is getting ready to travel to Sacramento to play at the State Candlelight Vigil. A week after we return, we'll be travelling to Washington, D.C., to perform at the National Police Week ceremonies. The band is one of three police pipe bands in the nation that will be playing at the National Candlelight Vigil and the National Police Officers Memorial Day Services. The band will also play in the Emerald Society Pipe Band March, compete in the National Police Pipe Band competition, as well as support LAPD, LASO, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and Riverside P.D. in their memorial ceremonies.

Upon our return, we also play at the LAPD recruit graduation ceremony, support the choir boys for their Fallen Officer's Benefit Ride, compete in the Grade V Band competition at the Scottish Highland Games in Costa Mesa, present the Ian Campbell Memorial Trophy, and play at four Memorial Day ceremonies serving the cities of Los Angeles, Laguna Hills, Yorba Linda and Redondo Beach. The band represents LAPD at all these ceremonies and activities in a positive and professional manner bringing the highest of credit to law enforcement and all LAPD officers. In the past four months, we have paid tribute to 20 law enforcement officers and military veterans by performing at their funerals. We have supported LAPD, LASO, LAWA, Corona P.D., El Monte P.D., Riverside P.D., Tustin P.D., DEA, Army and Air Force. We have also performed in over 10 ceremonies, parades and fairs supporting the LAPPL, LAPRAAC, LAPFCU, LAWPOA, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, National Latino POA and the city of Hermosa Beach.

All of these activities are on band members' personal time and expense. We need your support to keep representing LAPD and law enforcement.

On Friday, August 22, the band will be holding our annual fundraiser dinner. The funds we receive are the primary support the band has to sustain ourselves throughout the year. This year's fundraiser will be bigger and brighter than ever.

Allow me to paint the picture for you. Imagine entering a beautiful outdoor setting, nestled in the hills above West L.A. The sounds



The Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums played at over 150 memorials and events in 2013.

of a string quartet fill your senses, evoking a calm, serene atmosphere, and you are greeted with complimentary cigars. A table is set where you notice an expert presenting fine whiskey tasting and explaining how to fully appreciate single malt whiskey. You start to mingle and greet friends when you can hardly believe your eyes ... is that be Michael Cudlitz, actor, producer, movie and television star of "Band of Brothers," "Southland," "CSI," "JAG" and "Walker, Texas Ranger?" After talking to Mike, you become good friends and sit down for dinner. Your plate looks tantalizing by the choice of steak and shrimp, salmon or stuffed chicken breast. Auctioneer Jim Cunningham then entertains you at the live auction; meanwhile, the silent auction takes place. Your entire body resounds with the music of The Wicked Tinkers. The haunting, heart-pounding bagpipe, irresistible tribal drums, memorizing drone of the Australian didgeridoo, and Bronze Age Irish horn transport you to a time when battle cries filled the air and strange and unheard of creatures roamed the night. The magic is complete and stirs the soul. A conga line is formed and everyone goes wild! All of this for a mere \$95? Unbelievable! Did I mention the band is a tax-exempt public charity under IRS Tax Code 501(c)(3) and your donation is tax-deductible?

If we can assist your division in any activity please contact us by visiting our website at: www.LAPESPipesAndDrums.org or emailing us at: piperlapes@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook at: [www.Facebook.com/LAPESPipesDrums](https://www.facebook.com/LAPESPipesDrums). ❖

GARY MACNAMARA:

Most Accurate Shooter at CA-IDPA Shoot



Top of page : Gary on the firing line at Chapter 78's Day at the Range and BBQ. Left: Gary Macnamara giving lesson to a member of California State University Fullerton ROTC Cadet.

Chapter 78 member Gary Macnamara was the overall most accurate shooter in the CA IDPA 'Shoot on July 19. Gary was also leader in two divisions, the super seniors and military.

Gary has been the chapter's chief instructor recently for the California State University Fullerton ROTC Cadets who competed in the Green Beret Shooters Cup. At the three GBSC events Gary was the RSO and leader of the public shooting event which helped raise funds for the Green Beret Foundation. He also participated by providing manpower for the operation of several of the scenarios. An avid re-loader, Gary has been re-loading 9mm, .40 cal and .45 cal ammo to raise funds for the chapter.

Gary has a long history participating in the shooting sports having been very involved with both the military and law enforcement agencies as a competitor and lead organizer in championship events.

LTC Gary Macnamara, USAR (Retired) began his shooting career when he attended Xavier High School JROTC in New York, and joined the shooting team. During those years he competed with other high school teams as well as West Point plebes. His team took third place in the JROTC Hearst Trophy Match.

While attending Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, Gary was also a member of the ROTC and competed in small bore rifle and placed monthly in matches at Fort Dix, NJ. After graduation, he went on active duty as a 2nd Lt, completed Airborne Training, Ranger School and continued his career with tours in Vietnam. He then completed the Special Forces Officer Course. After nearly five years of active duty, Gary joined the California National Guard and for seven years competed at both the National Guard and Sixth Army Championships, shooting the High Power Rifle. Following transfer to the Army Reserve he shot on the Composite (Bulls Eye) Team for 13 years.

He served as OIC for the 63rd ARCOM Pistol Championships in 1991 and 1992 at Camp Pendleton. Gary also led pistol qualifications courses for Navy personnel at Seal Beach NAVWPNSSTA and Camp Pendleton. In 1993 he led the Annual Alternate Pistol Qualification Course (all three phases, Day, Night, and NBC qualification) for the 311th COSCOM.

In his civilian career, where he retired a L.A.P.D. LT., Gary continued his shooting career participating on the pistol team for over 30 years and competed in the Practical Pistol Matches for the Police Games, reaching his zenith in 2008 participating in the National Police Shooting Championship. Besides the pistol, he shot small bore and high power rifle for the L.A.P.D.

Gary Macnamara's shooting awards include: Military - Excellence in Competition Badge, Bronze Pistol; Excellence in Competition Badge, Bronze Rifle. Law Enforcement Awards - L.A.P.D. Distinguished Expert Qualification for 34 years.

For more information on Gary's distinguished military and law enforcement career please see his web page on our website, www.specialforces78.com

A "Tip of the Beret" to Gary. ❖

SFA 2014 NATIONAL CONVENTION



By Jim Duffy
Chapter 78 Member

The 50th Anniversary of the Special Forces Association was celebrated at the SFA International Conference in Columbia, SC from June 9 – 15, 2014. The trip to Columbia, SC took 36 hours with a 2 day wait for my bag.

A variety of tours were offered such as the Columbia Zoo, State Museum, Charleston, State Capital and the Camden Revolutionary War Park. The SC Philharmonic Orchestra patriotic music event was a rare highlight and especially appropriate. A golf tournament was offered for those inclined. There was a rifle and pistol match shoot at Fort Jackson, which I went to knowing time was tight to attend the President's Meeting – I had high hopes. Things were slow and I didn't get to fire a shot before I had to leave. My last trip before this to Fort Jackson was 50 years ago in Basic Training.

Vendor options were limited but I did pick up the new Donlon knife, #5 from SFA. A new website www.SFAsales.com is under construction and will offer USM4 weapons, ammo and other items at a discounted rate for SFA members. The NRA will also offer items on the site.

The President's Meeting had a slide show and the usual business presentations. BG Rogers of the Special Forces Command gave an SF briefing on status and changes within the Regiment. A policy on Chapter Raffles and Donations will be forthcoming. Anita Swift, John Wayne's granddaughter spoke briefly about her grandfather and his love of SF. Chapter 78 was recognized with a plaque for the Best SFA Chapter Monthly Newsletter for 2014.

The General Membership meeting pretty much mirrored the President's Meeting. A presentation on Agent Orange noted how some of the birth defects/problems can skip a generation. Parkinson's is another presumptive disease.

The hospitality room was always abuzz with activity and as usual a great place to meet, greet and swap stories. Krispy Kreme donuts and a variety of popcorns were available as were refreshments but on a regulated schedule. The bands were Southern and very loud to the point talking changed to yelling.

The banquet was huge with two large rooms full covered with large screen monitors. BG Roger spoke again and was so impressive he immediately got invited as guest speaker for Portland and Jacksonville conventions. Later as BG Rogers visited around I was able to present him with a Chapter 78 coin. Ross Perot attended and made some brief comments. Over the years Perot has contributed about \$360 million to veteran causes and charities. Recently, he provided funding for the Kennedy-Yarborough Statue. Recent MOH Vietnam recipient Melvin Morris was introduced and recognized.



Standing is Cliff Newman, Administrative Director for SFA National and seated is THE Mr. Ross Perot

The SFA Convention for 2015 will be in Portland, OR at the Red Lion Hotel Columbia, Jun 4 – 10 at a rate of \$120/night. The SFA Convention for 2016 will be in Jacksonville, FL at the Hyatt Regency, Jun 12-19 at a rate of \$95/night to include 3 days before and after the convention. For 2017, Fayetteville, NC will be the convention site.

The greatest benefit of attendance at this or any of the SFA conventions is the meeting up with old friends (Greg Beila & Ron Huegel Team Mates, Barry Archer MSF, Tim Maroney MSF, Randy Fogel, Lee Yarborough, Dannie Chapa, Jim Weldon and Mark Kinsler), making new friends Chad Johnson A-109, Geoff Barker and Gerald Devlin, and socializing with numerous other members of mutual background and experiences. This is really what the conventions are all about and is very valuable to all who attend. In the big picture events and schedules may change, be cancelled or uncertain, but the value of friendships is priceless. I thank Chapter 78 for their support for me to attend this convention.❖

IN THE DEVIL'S SHADOW

A BOOK REVIEW



By Kenn Miller

In the Devil's Shadow by Michael E. Haas, Naval Institute Press, 2000

It runs against conventional practice to review a book that is out of print. But just as we ought to know more about the Korean War than most of us do, so Michael Haas's com-

prehensive history of Korean War special operations deserves to be known, hunted down in libraries or on-line, and read. Because it covers the whole range of allied special operation in Korea, Haas's *In the Devil's Shadow* is even more comprehensive than Ed Evan-hoe's equally fascinating *Dark of the Moon* (now probably also out of print), which concentrated on 8th Army special operations. *In the Devil's Shadow* also deal, in detail, with Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, CIA, and allied operations in Korea.

The United States was not prepared for the Korean War, and especially unprepared when it came to special operations. The special operations units of World War Two had been disbanded, and the military as a whole had little ability—and little inclination—to identify and track men with relevant World War Two experience. There were no operational plans, and no unified command authority for special operations. And from the beginning of American involvement to the advent of the very fragile armistice that continues to today, at the command level, operations were handicapped by ongoing turf battles between the individual services and the CIA. Still, the men (and women—very brave Korean women) who carried out the operations, drove on with their missions, often at great cost.

It's a shame that the Korean War has become something of a forgotten war, for it was a fascinating war of great strategic importance, and more than sixty years later, it is not yet resolved, and could flare up again. The Korean War, perhaps more than World War Two, was a watershed in the history of

American special operations. It was in Korea that the Air Force developed many of the tactics later used in Vietnam and subsequent conflicts. It was in Korea that Navy frogmen were given their first over-the-beach missions. It was in Korea that the Air Force first used cargo planes as offensive weapons platforms, and the Navy first made use of dedicated troop carrying submarines. Rangers go back longer in American history than the United States itself, but modern Airborne Rangers first saw action in Korea. It was in Korea that U.S. Army Special Forces, as such, first deployed to a combat zone. Although the stereotypical image of Korean War combat is one of semi-static conventional battle in frozen mountains, Korea was also very much a special operations war. And *In the Devil's Shadow* is the most far ranging and comprehensive account of that part of the war than I know of.

Most of the people likely to read this review already know the names "Heinie" Aderholt and John Singlaub—but how many have heard of USAF Master Sergeant (later Major) Donald Nichols?

You'll meet him in this book and wonder why you've never heard of him before. We might know about the airborne and amphibious infiltrations of Korean partisans, both with and without American or British personnel along. But how many have ever heard about the female Korean agents—some of them previously employed as theater actresses—who parachuted in enemy territory on extremely dangerous missions that sometimes included finding, seducing, and gaining crucial information from enemy officers?

The things that we may already know about special operations in Korea are shown in such detail and in such relevant context, it is probably impossible to read this book without learning something. And it is absolutely impossible to read it without fascination and page-turning excitement.

It may be somewhat difficult to find a copy of *In the Devil's Shadow*, but it is well worth searching for. This book is a real eye-opening surprise. ♦



TO ALL SPECIAL FORCES CHAPTERS

SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION PARACHUTE TEAM — FT BRAGG, NORTH CAROLINA

RECRUITING NEW TEAM MEMBERS AND JUMPERS

It is our desire to continue to be your team and represent the Special Forces Association and the US Army, but it is becoming exceedingly difficult to do so in our present state. The team is appealing to all members and chapters for support. The team is seeking the enlistment of new jumpers of all skill levels—highly motivated professionals that will be committed to performing freefall demonstration all over the US. With our current schedule, we are in need of more jumpers to fill the demo roster. The team is tasked with 30 demonstrations of which 12 have been completed successfully and 14 more on the schedule.

The team consists of active duty, retirees, and dependents who are dedicated to presenting and preserving the heritage and traditions of

Special Forces and the Green Beret Parachute Team, which is the oldest US Parachute Team still in existence.

Again, it is our desire to continue to be your team. The team is appealing to all members and chapters for support. Support may be in any form; jumpers, equipment or sponsorship. We thank you for your help. For further information, points of contacts are listed below.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN CONTINUED

Passport and ticket checks again by one of these professional security agents who described how to comply with their rules in our personal carry-on and body security checks and guided us to a specific agent. During these entire procedures many apparent security agents, as well as the uniformed armed guards, keep all passengers under their watchful eyes. For the x-ray machine, all shoes, belts, coats and heavy shirts had to be removed and placed in baskets with your carry on luggage as in the U.S. Each person then passed through a Security Scan which is different from ours in the U.S. and is interpreted by a computer, not human eye. All cell phones and lap top commuters were turned on to see if they were in working order. (If the batteries were dead, you are requested to step aside and re-charge the item for proper function). Large cameras are also checked. Following the Security Scan (all passengers must be scanned) each person was then asked to stand in a specific area where he or she went through a pat-down. This security agent also asked several questions. Okayed, once all securities checks are complete, we were guided to a 'secure waiting room' to await departure.

At all times we felt we were dealing with business professionals, not security agents — excellent manners, courteous, yet closely

tuned to their work. Quoting from Schipho Airport on their security, "The Security Concept consists of a number of security shells. There is a fine line between maintaining high-level security and making passengers feel like valued customers." That says it all.

Their security agents differ from ours in several distinct ways; they are all "trained in behavioral observation to spot suspicious passengers." Security agents are trained above and beyond mandatory requirements," and quite note worthy "all are trained in hospitality to ensure strict but friendly service."

See a difference?

Schiphol was voted the "Best European Airport" in 2013 for the third consecutive year, and ranks in the top three in the world.

A little research into Schiphol's security provides a hint how they have achieved such a friendly secure system. ICTS is the contracting security agency, which is based in the Netherlands and was established by former members of the Shin Bet, Israel's internal security agency ♦

Lonny Holmes
Sentinel Editor
SFA C-78



SOAR XXXVIII

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SOAR Schedule *(subject to change)*

SATURDAY, 18 October:

0800–1700 Board and Special Staff Meeting
1000–1700 SOA Personal Video History Project
Suite TBD – Cummings

SUNDAY, 19 October:

0800–1100 Religious Observance
1100–1700 SOA Personal Video History Project
Suite TBD – Cummings
1115 Board and Special Staff Meeting,
SOAR Set-Up Activities.

MONDAY, 20 October:

0930–1700 Registration
1000–1700 SOA Personal Video History Project
Suite # TBD - Cummings
0930–2400 Hospitality Room – Mardi Gras Ballroom

TUESDAY, 21 October:

0930–1700 Registration
0800–1700 Hoover Dam/China Town Tour
1000–1700 SOA Personal Video History Project
Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
0930–2400 Hospitality Room – Mardi Gras Ballroom

WEDNESDAY, 22 October:

0930–1700 Registration
0930–2400 Hospitality Room
Mardi Gras Ballroom
1000–1700 SOA Personal Video History Project
Suite # TBD - D. Cummings
1000–1115 SOG/SPAD Symposium
Esplanade Room – Don Engebretsen
1130–1330 Lunch Hosted by SOA
Mardi Gras Ballroom
1330–1530 SOA General Membership Meeting
Esplanade Room
1530–1630 SOAR Door and Selected
"Silent Auction" Prizes – Esplanade Room
2000 Close Texas Hold 'Em Tournament – Motsett

THURSDAY, 23 October:

0930–1200 Registration
0930–1200 Hospitality Room – Mardi Gras Ballroom
0930–1200 SOA Personal Video History Project
Suite # TBD – D. Cummings
1200 SOA Vendor Area/Hospitality Room Vacated
1530–1730 Cocktails - Hosted by SOA
Esplanade Room

Reservations at the Orleans Hotel and Casino must be made by September 15, 2014.

Call 800-675-3267 or register online at www.orleanscasino.com/groups. Check the SOA website www.specialoperations.org for the SOAR reservation ID number.

The deadline for the Reunion registration is October 15, 2014.

The registration form is available at www.specialoperations.org. It may be downloaded and mailed to the registration committee with your payment.

1730–2030 Banquet – Mardi Gras Ballroom
2030–2400 Hospitality Room Bar Reopens

FRIDAY, 24 October:

0800–1300 SOA Board and Special Staff
Exit Meeting
0930–1300 Hospitality Room - Mardi Gras Ballroom
1200 HOTEL CHECK OUT