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COVER: A gift from members of A Company, 19th SFG(A), ODA 9614 to SF Chapter 78. President John Stryker Meyer and SFC Pirone of ODA 9614. The A/5/19 shadowbox, which was presented to Richard Simonian by John Stryker Meyer, included flags that flew over their outpost in Afghanistan.



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From the Editor



Lonny Holmes
Sentinel Editor

Happy New Year from members of Chapter 78 who celebrated Christmas with their annual dinner at the Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club and seated the new board of directors for the 2018 and 2019 years. Since taking office as the new chapter president **John Stryker Meyer**, Tilt as he is know to many, had been conducting meetings and phone conferences to plan his administrations activities for the next two years. It looks like Tilt is aggressively going to lead the chapter during his tenure.

This past year, 2017, *The Sentinel* has started a new program which recognizes members and outside individuals who have contributed high quality stories to our newsletter. From the publisher, **Richard Simonian** and the Editor, **Lonny Holmes**, awards were given to our contributing writers for; Best Book Review "Hue," written by **Kenn Miller**. **Mike Keele** was presented the award for Best Series of Essays on "Chapter 78" and **John Meyer** received the award for two stories on SF; "The Originals" and "Conrad "Ben" Baker Inducted into the SF Regiment." Jack Williams (SF on 2 A-Teams in Vietnam) was presented with the Outstanding Guest Writers Award for "The Last Pathfinder Company is History; Long Live History" and "Hal Moore and the Randall Knife."

Beginning our ninth year with this issue it has become increasingly difficult to find writers who can contribute to our publication so we continue to search for outside writers and journalists for stories on current topics related to Green Berets presently on active duty or recently retired. Chapter member **Richard Simonian** an "Original SF" (1952-1955) suggested and lead the search for a "professional" to contribute stories about Green Berets in the Current War on Terrorism. In this issue we have the first of a series of stories by SF War Correspondent Alex Quade which is timely with the release of the potential blockbuster movie, *12 Strong*, which covers SF's first mission into Afghanistan following 9/11. Her story is about this Green Beret Team, *The Horse Soldiers Of 9/11*.

Lonny Holmes
Sentinel Editor



Richard presenting the certificate of appreciation to his executive secretary Dorene Gomez, a long-time friend of Chapter 78.



John Stryker Meyer
President SFA 78

I want to start my first president's note with a strong word of "thanks" to Past President **Bruce Long**, for serving four years at the helm. During his tenure he improved and expanded the rapport between Chapter 78 and the men of A/5/19. Due to Bruce's long history with A/5/19, he's agreed to be our chapter liaison and POC with the good men from that hard-working detachment. Thank you again, Bruce.

Included for well-deserved "thanks" are a few stellar chapter members, not the least of

which is the past-past chapter president **Lonny Holmes**, the editor and chief and photographer extraordinaire who has earned four best newsletter awards at our annual SFA reunions in the last five years, our proud SF Original **Richard Simonian** who marched into Bad Tolz with the 10th Group in 1953, and to last year's officers, VP **Don Deatherage**, Secretary **Gary Macnamara**, Sgt.-at-Arms **Mark Miller** and our esteemed treasurer **Richard Simonian**. Thank you gentlemen for last year's service and for agreeing to another term in office. For the record, we'll be adding a second vice president, **Brad Welker** because Don and his sweetheart travel extensively across the country in their RV. And final "thanks" to **Ed Barrett** for holding down the coordinator of ROTC Programs for the chapter, and "thanks" to our chaplain, some SSG named Simonian. VP **Don Deatherage** and Treasurer **Richard Simonian** were ill on December 16 and so will be sworn in January 13.

On a sad note, SFA Chapter Member **Dave Thomas** and I attended the Celebration of Life for Nancy Fein, wife of chapter member **Len Fein**. She was inarguably the brains, beauty and business-savvy member of the family who was saluted at the celebration by top Toyota officials in the country and from Japan.

As we enter 2018, you'll notice a few new elements to the expanding/improving *Sentinel*, including Montagnard updates/insights from **Tom Turney**. However, one new project that Lonny and I have talked about with several SFA Chapter members – all of whom happen to have served in law enforcement before, during or after their service to SF or joining Chapter 78, is a *Sentinel* column titled Cop Corner – and that may change before the first column appears in print. Essentially, today in America cops, law enforcement has become targets. In addition, over the Christmas weekend, a national newspaper reported that there were more than 750 crimes committed against U.S. Border Patrol agents across America.

The guest speaker at our Christmas party this year was **SGM Hank Eylicio**, who is a Border Patrol agent. Because Border Patrol agents and law enforcement officers have become targets instead of men and women extolled as exemplary members of society for protecting our communities and country, I'd like to have our members go back to their prior law enforcement agencies with a simple message from Chapter 78:

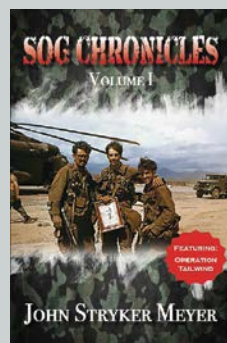
"We know you're targeted by some demented elements in society. Most men in Chapter 78 have been targets in wartime. We salute your service to our communities and country and openly support you. If we can help in any way, don't hesitate to call Chapter 78."

This is our general concept. We'll discuss it more at the January 13 meeting, and how we'll have columns based on that support.

Last, but not least, remember our meetings will occur on the 2nd Saturday of the month, at 8:30 a.m. The first being held on January 13. Depending on the number of confirmations we get from members, our meeting will either be held in Richard's office or in Marie Callender's down the street from his office on W. Katella Ave. ❖

John Stryker Meyer
President, SFA Chapter 78

How did then Green Beret Sergeant Gary Michael Rose earn his Medal of Honor? This book tells the story.



In SOG Chronicles Volume One, the first six chapters will focus on a SOG mission in September 1970, upon reflection, a suicide mission, where 16 Green Berets led by a savvy, experienced unconventional special operator and 120 indigenous troops took pressure off of a CIA operation deep in Laos and survived four days of nearly constant combat thanks to strong close-air support.

It was also unique in that it was one of the few missions in SOG history where participants were approved to take official photos documenting the mission, dubbed "Operation Tailwind." Aviators were given approval to take photos too. Another unique aspect of these first six chapters are interviews from many of the aviators and crew members who supported Operation Tailwind from the air, including: Air Force fast movers, single propeller A-1H Skyraiders, forward air controllers; Marine Corps Cobra gunships, with the radio call sign "Scarface"; Marine Corps heavy-lift CH-53D helicopters; and some Army helicopter support.

This is an excerpt from **SOG Chronicles Volume One**

By John Stryker Meyer

To purchase the paperback book or an e-book version of *SOG Chronicles Volume One* you can go to Meyer's website: www.sogchronicles.com or directly to www.amazon.com, and search for John Stryker Meyer

HORSE SOLDIERS OF 9/11



HORSE SOLDIERS HOLLYWOOD MOVIE PREMIERS JANUARY

Editor's Note: The highly anticipated Jerry Bruckheimer movie, "12 Strong", otherwise known as the Horse Soldiers epic, hits theaters January 19th, 2018. War reporter Alex Quade, shares her original, award-winning news reporting on the Horse Soldiers, as well as the monument in their honor near Ground Zero, as a refresher before you see the blockbuster.



By Alex Quade

U.S. Army Green Berets led the first American invasion into Afghanistan 17-years ago, one month after 9/11, using a mode of transportation last used by the Army in the 20th century: they rode horses into mortal combat over extremely hazardous mountain terrain.

"It was like out of the Old Testament," says Lt. Col. Max Bowers, who ground commanded the three 5th Special Forces Group teams. The 34-men on horseback included CIA operatives and Air Force Special Operations Combat Controllers.

"You expected Cecil B. DeMille to be filming and Charlton Heston to walk out."

Bowers, a retired Green Beret, spoke while sitting in the rural Kentucky studio of sculptor Douwe Blumberg, along with three of his former "horse soldiers."

They, along with 30 fellow commandos on horseback, were the inspiration for Blumberg's "De Oppresso Liber" monument, dedicated to the entire U.S. special operations community. The statue now stands near the World Trade Center site in New York.

The artist rounded up these "horse soldiers" to share their personal stories and mission photos which led to the 18-foot, bronze monument.

"It was unbelievable in 2001," Master Sgt. Bart Decker said to Blumberg.

Decker, the team's Air Force Special Operations combat controller, is now retired, "We all looked at each other [and said] 'We're witnessing a cavalry charge!'" he said.

"Horses start rolling, bombs go off, except instead of sabers being swung, it was AK-47s," said retired Green Beret, Master Sgt. Chris Spence.

"American sentiment was: 'We need to get those bastards,'" Spence added. "That was the bottom line."

Blumberg listened in awe to the elite fighters in his art studio. He said he felt compelled to sculpt the monument after then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld first held up a famous photo of these special operations forces on horseback in northern Afghanistan during a 2001 news conference.

"The image, I think, typifies the special operations mission of get the job done, however you have to do it, adapt, overcome," the artist said.

That image also captured the imagination of Hollywood blockbuster producer Jerry Bruckheimer, who's releasing a movie called "12 Strong", based on the mission as told by Doug Stanton in his New York Times best-selling book, "Horse Soldiers: The Extraordinary Story of a Band of U.S. Soldiers Who Rode to Victory in Afghanistan."

"The visual irony of a 21st-century, high-tech trooper mounted on a ragged Afghan mountain horse, unchanged for centuries, fascinated me," said Blumberg, who incorporated the stories of these first horseback commandos as he cast the 3-ton statue in Norman, Oklahoma.

Blumberg learned that the famous photo was shot by one of the "killer elite" sitting casually in front of him in his art studio.

THE HORSE SOLDIERS' STORIES

"If we wanted to move, horses were the only way," said Master Sgt. Chris Spence, the team's communication sergeant, who served with 5th Special Forces Group. "Nobody will believe this! (So) I take my camera and (shoot) that photo."

Col. Bowers pointed at that famous photo, explaining to Blumberg:



U.S. Special Operations, members of Task Force Dagger, and Afghani forces ride into northern Afghanistan in October 2001 on horseback. This photo inspired sculptor Douwe Blumberg to create the life-and-a-half scale bronze statue titled *America's Response Monument*, subtitled *De Oppresso Liber*.

"The Afghans and intelligence officers (CIA) are clotted up in front together, and all our guys are spread out in a wedge behind them."

For most of the Americans, it was their first time on a horse. But, their mission was critical: synchronize tribal warfare against Taliban and al Qaeda enemies by riding with, and advising, rival Northern Alliance warlords.

The artist touched a bridle and an Afghan saddle the team brought from the JFK Special Warfare Museum at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, which are registered with the Smithsonian Museum. One of the nation's leading equestrian sculptors, Blumberg was fascinated with the little-known details of these operators' horseback mission in the steep, mountain terrain of Northern Afghanistan.

"Were you worried about the footing of the horse?" the sculptor asked the team.

"Absolutely," replied Decker, the Air Force combat controller. "They were trying to scramble up the rocks, and their hooves, their shoes were sparking. You were worried about sliding off anytime, but you had to keep going."

In the male-dominated Afghan culture, all war horses are stallions; there were no mares. The team told the artist the stallions were constantly biting, kicking and rearing.

"It was like riding a bobcat," Bowers said.

"That's another big reason we separated, especially at night, when we're walking on that ledge, because you put two horses together, all they wanted to do was fight. You look down at the left side, there's a 500-foot drop-off," Decker added.

"These are the guys that, if it's impossible, they'll excel. And that's what they did," said Bowers, their retired Special Forces ground commander.

Col. Bowers, who chose each commando for this secret mission,

always carried a piece of the World Trade Center with him while he advised Northern Alliance warlords during violent battles in Mazar-e-Sharif and Kunduz.

"There were suspicions about our motives," Bowers said to the artist. "I pulled the bent piece of steel out and showed it to them [and said,] 'This is why we're here: We simply want to ensure that it's not a sanctuary for terrorist forces that have attacked the United States.'"

"We were almost slaughtered. It could have become a massacre," he said.

Their Air Force combat controller, Master Sgt. Bart Decker, radioed for airstrikes, calling in bombing coordinates to a female navigator on an AC-130 gunship nicknamed "the Angel of Death."

"The warlord we were advising heard her on my radio and broadcast to the enemy: 'Female up in this airplane is wreaking havoc on you,'" Decker recalled. "That's an insult, obviously, to the Taliban, who used to beat down their women."

Months later, after the Taliban regime had fallen, the teams chose Mazar-e Sharif — the site of one of their fiercest battles and where CIA officer Mike Spann became the first American killed in action in Afghanistan — to bury the piece of the World Trade Center that Bowers had carried their entire mission.

"We took this piece of steel, put it in a body bag, folded American colors over it as when we lay our heroes to rest at Arlington," Bowers explained to Blumberg.

"We thought that this piece of the World Trade Center [should] be buried in a spot that was full of al Qaeda terrorists and memorialized."

"We did that because the [reason for] sending U.S. forces to Afghanistan was that 9/11 attack — and New York's firefighters, police and emergency responders had done such a great job," the Colonel said.



Two New York firefighters witnessed the ceremony.

"We went over to thank them. They even wore our baseball caps," said Monsignor John Delendick, a chaplain for New York's fire department. "It impressed me that they gathered with us, even though they risked blowing their cover. We were the first soldiers in the war against terror and took a beating at the World Trade Center. These soldiers took it from there."

Years later, Lt. Gen. John Mulholland, then commander of Army Special Operations Command, presented to New York Fire Commissioner Salvatore Cassano a map showing where the commandos buried that piece of the World Trade Center in Afghanistan.

John Vigiano, a former marine and retired New York fire captain who lost two sons at the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001, saw the map and attended the monument's dedication. Vigiano's son John Jr. was a firefighter, his other son Joe was a New York City police officer.

"We are all in this equally, but in a different capacity," Vigiano said. "President Bush called us [in New York] 'the first casualties of the war' ... we may have responded first to the attack, but the Special Forces took it to them on their turf," Vigiano says. "The Horse Soldiers picked up the standard from us, here in the USA, and brought it to them in Afghanistan."

"In every sense of the word," Cpt. Vigiano said, "they were an extension of our sons."

In forging the statue, Mr. Blumberg paid attention to the commandos' stories and included tiny details: In the tread of the soldier's boots are pieces of gravel from Afghanistan that a Green Beret gave the artist for inspiration.

Another detail: On the soldier's left hand is the outline of a wedding band under his glove. "That's my way of tipping my hat to wives,

marriages and strain on families," Mr. Blumberg said. "It's to acknowledge the stresses caused by multiple deployments."

A group of 9/11 survivors from Wall Street, who asked to remain anonymous, paid for the bronze statue's creation titled "De Oppresso Liber" — "to free the oppressed," the Green Berets' motto. No public funds were used.

A piece of steel from the World Trade Center is embedded in its base, which bears the words "America's Response Monument." The statue was unveiled during the national Veterans Day Parade in New York on Nov. 11, 2011, and dedicated by then Vice President Joe Biden.

"You will not find in all history a group of men with more courage, with more conviction, with more greater since of patriotism -- and more absolute outright damn skill -- than the men who are being honored by that statue. The courage of the first into battle, is what guarantees the courage of those that follow. And you all were in the battle before America even knew we were at war in Afghanistan," the Vice President stated.

With the release of Bruckheimer's movie, Americans and tourists who visit the statue near Ground Zero, will now know more of the incredible story of the Special Forces behind it. ♦

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALEX QUADE

is a war reporter and documentary filmmaker, who covers U.S. Special Operations Forces on combat missions. She's the only reporter ever embedded *long-term* with these secretive units downrange, with no crew or support. Extreme storytelling and silent risk-taking lie at the heart of what Quade does. She's received two-*Edward R. Murrow Awards*, group *Peabody* and *Emmy's*, and the *Medal Of Honor Society's Excellence in Journalism Award*. Quade started her career at the White House; she's worked for CNN, FOX, The New York Times, & The Washington Times covering hostile environments. Her films include: "*Horse Soldiers of 9/11*", narrated by actor Gary Sinise, and "*Chinook Down*", investigating the fatal shoot-down of a helicopter in Afghanistan. Quade was supposed to be on that helicopter. She serves on the Board of Military Reporters & Editors. Hollywood released a film about Quade's Special Forces reportage, called "*Danger Close*"; Hachette Books will publish her first book on Special Forces in 2019.



Alex Quade
War Correspondent

THE FORGOTTEN WARRIORS



Updates on the Montagnards



Tom Turney

No More Forgotten Warriors

By Tom Turney

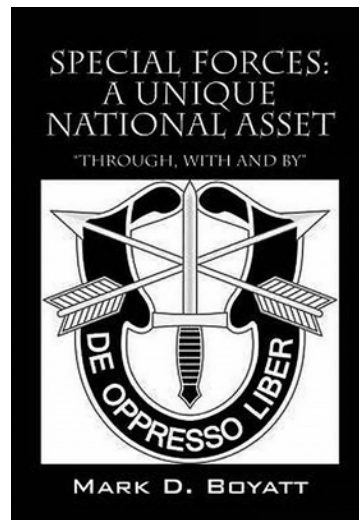
Recently I finished reading *Special Forces: A Unique National Asset* by Mark D. Boyatt, who spent 29 years in the US Army, most of which were spent in Special Forces serving as a Commander of several A Teams, as a Special Forces Battalion Commander, as Commander of 3rd Special Forces Group for six years as well as a number of assign-

ments in the Army's Special Operation Command. Mark certainly understands the unique mission of Special Forces and wrote his book to help politicians and the public understand that mission. More importantly, Mark makes the point about the commitments that need to be made to those with whom Special Forces are deployed to train, equip and advise as US policies are implemented around the world and that some of these commitments could last through multiple presidential terms or even generations.

The book is a great read if you are interested in the unique role of Special Forces operations. It drives home the importance that Special Forces plays in implementing US policy "through, with and by" our allies by living, working, training and advising them in unconventional warfare (UW) and counterinsurgency (COIN). Mark developed the "through, with and by" theme which is a central point of the book in conjunction with his master's degree thesis while attending the Army War College, which I recently had the honor of attending as part of their National Security Seminar program. Mark defines these words as it applies to the Special Forces mission as follows:

Through: Implies that Special Forces works through a third party as a cut-out to support an indigenous force. Special Forces would supply equipment, training, logistics, fire support, etc. to a surrogate, who in turns provides this support to the indigenous forces while the American forces remain entirely behind the scenes.

With: Means that Special Forces works directly alongside indigenous forces as combat advisors and trainers, working alongside the locals throughout their military campaign.



By: Working by local forces means that Special Forces provides training, equipment, fire support, etc. from a distance without any active participation in the actual fighting.

Special Forces is organized into different groups that deploy A Teams (ODAs) that specialize in working in different parts of the world. Wherever SF goes, their unique ability is to work "through, with and by" indigenous populations using UW with the goal of regime change. Mark points out that if we don't have the political will to see these efforts through to completion of regime change, then it should not be undertaken to begin with pointing out "it isn't morally right". For the indigenous personnel working with Special Forces, their mission is "total war" and if regime change is not achieved, it "will result in the genocide or enslavement of those involved in the UW effort".

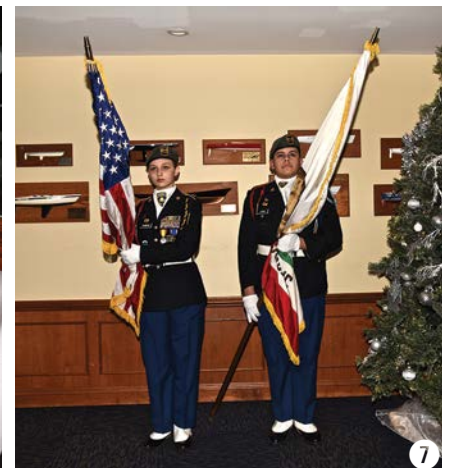
During World War II, the OSS, a precursor to Special Forces, operated throughout occupied Europe to force regime change and their efforts were considered to be a great success. During the war in Vietnam, Special Forces worked with a number of indigenous forces, the largest being the Montagnard people found largely in the Central Highlands of Vietnam. Special Forces teams recruited, trained and advised Montagnard troops who were deployed at numerous A camps as well as with Mike Force and SOG operations. Special Forces spent approximately 10 years in Vietnam and strong bonds were formed between Special Forces and their Montagnard soldiers. As the US began its exit from Vietnam many Special Forces troopers helped Montagnards gain entry into the US knowing that they would be exposed to the genocide and enslavement at the hands of the Communist forces that still run the country today. Over the years there have been approximately 4,000 Montagnards who were able to gain entry into the US, but the vast majority of the Montagnards were left behind. The Vietnam Fund (<http://www.vietnamemifund.org/thefundinaction.html>) is working to help the Montagnards still in Vietnam. All Special Forces troopers, current or past, are urged to support the efforts of the The Vietnam Fund. The Vietnam Fund is working to get every SFA Chapter to contribute to its efforts. If your SFA Chapter has not made a contribution, please surface it at your next Chapter meeting.

After the Vietnam War, Special Forces was drastically reduced

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SFA Chapter 78 Christmas Dinner 2017

Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club, Corona Del Mar, CA



① Ten A Company SF and their wives

② SGM Hank Eylicio and Colonel Wise

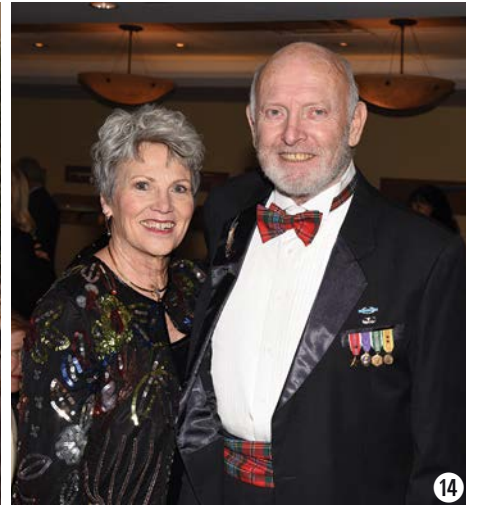
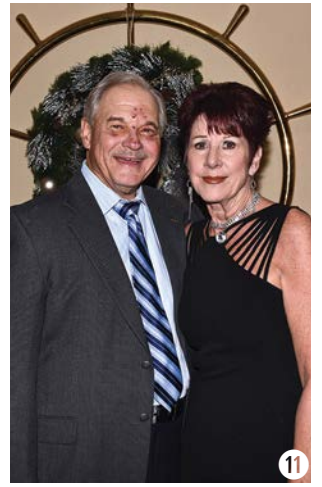
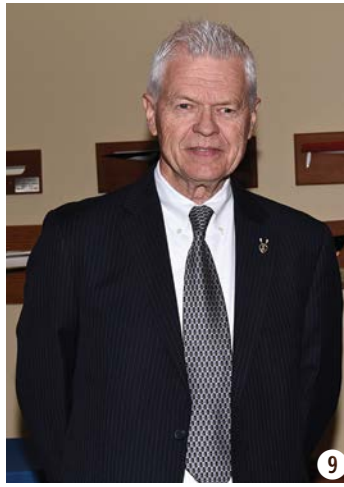
③ Special Forces Association Guidon made by and given to SFA C-78 from members of A Company, 19th SFG(A). Immediate Past President Bruce Long and A Company SGM Hand Eylicio.

④ A Company HALO SF, SFC Pirone, SFC Garcia and Captain Kam

⑤ Bob Crebbs presenting the POW MIA Table

⑥ POW MIA Table

⑦ Sonora High School Junior ROTC cadets prepare to post colors



8 SFA C-78 Annual Christmas Dinner, Keynote Speaker SGM Hank Elylacio A Company, 19th SFG(A)

9 A C-78 President John Stryker "Tilt" Meyer

10 Sergeant at Arms Mark Miller following 2017 Service Award presentation by SGM Bruce Long.

11 Mike and Cora Keele

12 Don and Nancy Gonneville

13 Colonel and Mrs. Wise

14 Robert and Lois McClain

15 Three members of the 2018 SFA Chapter 78 Board of Directors; Vice President Brad Welker, President John Stryker "Tilt" Meyer and Secretary LTC (R) Gary Macnamara

16 Ed Barrett and son

17 Tom and Jill Turney



18 LTC (R) Gary Macnamara, Kim Holmes and Brad Welker

19 Alex Quade, war correspondent and film producer presents Chapter 78 with a poster of her current film.

20 Captain and Mrs. Kam

21 Mark Miller and LTC (R) Dave Thomas

22 Nilda Holmes

23 Founding Chapter 78 Secretary Bob Crebbs and wife

24 Lonny and daughter, Kim Holmes

25 LTC (R) Gary MacNamara, chapter secretary for the past four years and reelected for two more years

26 CWO Nabavi and wife



SFA Chapter 78 Christmas Dinner 2017

New Officers and Special Recognition & Awards



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- 31 LTC (R) Gary Macnamara Chapter Secretary with SFA C-78 Service Award
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- 34 Graphic Designer and Assistant Editor of the Sentinel presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Chapter President John Stryker Meyer

No More Forgotten Warriors continued

both in terms of manpower and mission. It was not until the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East that the unique capabilities and expertise of Special Forces were again recognized. The use of small UW teams to organize, train and advise local forces to counter Iraqi, Al Qaeda and ISIS activities in the region was very effective, particularly using advanced modern technologies. Using small SF teams also alleviated the need to deploy larger traditional forces which has the added benefit of economic savings.

Today, Special Forces has teams deployed around the world on every continent working with the indigenous personnel in the target countries to further US policy. This task is complicated by the fact that local knowledge, relationships and trust with indigenous forces are built over time. When teams rotate in and out on short deployments, and when teams do not return to the same locations on rotations, it is extremely difficult to build and nurture those important relationships with the indigenous personnel.

From my perspective, today it does not seem that there are strong bonds and loyalties being developed between Special Forces and the indigenous people they are advising like those that developed between the Montagnards and Special Forces a half-century ago. As a Vietnam era veteran, I would love to hear from SF troopers who have worked with the indigenous troops in the Middle East and Africa to get their perspective on this issue. It is also my per-



spective that younger Special Forces troopers are not appropriately represented in the Special Forces Association. If you are a more recent SF trooper and have any input you would like to share on these topics, please contact me at turney@newcap.com.

Hopefully, when our Special Forces brothers return from their assignments successfully completed, they will not leave behind any Forgotten Warriors who will have to suffer as our Montagnard troops did in Vietnam.

As a reminder, if anyone has a story they would like to share in this column about their experiences with the Montagnards, please contact me. ❖



Merry Christmas wishes from 10th SFOD-A 0215. Commanding Officer, Captain Evan McGhee and his men have been conducting several missions in Afghanistan since September. Their "sister-team" had an SF soldier killed in action in October. God bless them all & Happy New Year