



# The Apex

The Special Forces Association

## The Ed Muller & Jim Miller Memorial

### Chapter XIX

Days are like rucksacks, all the same size  
But some people just get more into them

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#### Secretary:

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Bill Bauman

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#### Meeting Place

#### HOLIDAY INN

4701 Stelton Rd.

(Hwy. 529)

(South of Exit 5,

Interstate 287)

South Plainfield,

New Jersey

07080

(908)-753-5500

Our meetings are in

the Breakfast

Room inside the

Holiday Inn and

not in the

Ruby Tuesday's

Restaurant



Reliving old times at the Zepher Hills Airport, at Sky Dive City Fl. From Left to right: Tom Bumback, Al Smith, Bill Macky, Frank Prainito, Joe Mc Millan and Bob Carpinello.



### 2010 Meeting dates

April 18

May 22

(Dinner Dance)

No Meeting

June 13 (?)

(SFA Convention)

(Possibly no meeting)

July 18

August 21 (Picnic)

(No meeting)

September 19

October 17

November 14

December 12

#### Meeting

#### Agenda

9:00 A.M.

Breakfast

10:00 A.M.

Meeting begins

(As a general rule, **almost all** meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month)

**OLD BUSINESS  
Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the January **24, 2010** Sunday meeting

1. Meeting brought to order 10:20AM  
Salute to the flag followed by a moment of silence.
2. Attendees: Walter Rosario, Paul Callamaras Jr., Bill Bauman, Quentin Balot, Kathleen Bauman, James Glover, William O'Brien, Dennis Robbins.
3. Secretary's Report: (Paul Callamaras)
  - A. Reading of minutes from 15 November meeting.
  - B. Corrections made to paragraph 9c & d.
    - (1) Motion to nominate Dennis Robbins to Secretary.
    - (2) Motion to nominate Paul Callamaras to VP.
  - C. Motion made to accept corrected minutes by W. Bauman and seconded by James Glover. All in favor.
4. Treasurer's Report: (Bill Bauman)
  - A. (see attached sheet) {copy supplied upon request}
  - B. Bank Statement:
 

(1) Previous Balance:	3,492.39
(2) Ending Balance:	3,397.91
(3) Register Balance:	\$3,313.91
  - C. Financial Statement January, through December 2009
 

(1) Income	\$9,607.28
(2) Expenses	-\$6,237.37
(3) Balance Forward:	\$3,369.91
  - D. Chapter 19 Annual Statement sent to SFA
 

(1) Gross Income 2009	\$5,342.00
(2) Expenses	6,578.37
(3) Net Income	-\$1,236.37
  - E. Fink Fund \$514.00
  - F. Motion To Accept Treasurer's Report. Motion by Dennis Robbins Seconded by Kathy Bauman, all in favor.
5. Membership (W. Bauman)
  - A. There were 39 renewals out of 43 eligible. Four have not renewed as of this date.
  - B. We might lose Jim Kilcullen, They are trying to start a chapter at West Point
6. Sick Call? N/A
7. Presidents Report: (Walter Rosario)
  - A. Funeral Service at Arlington, Va.
    - (1) Colonel Bob Howard Passed, he was a MOH winner and was nominated three times. He was also a commander at SWIC.
      - (2) Service at Arlington on 22 February, 2010.
      - (3) There will be a get together on 21 February, 2010.
        - (a) At the Hyatt Regency 2799 Jefferson Memorial Highway Arlington, Va.
        - (b) if you plan to attend, contact WEB site.

- B. Raffle at 2010 (SFA) convention, tickets will sell for \$5 each and the prize is a 9mm Glock pistol.
  - C. Memorial Walkway. SFA is selling memorial pavers for the walkway at the HQ. These are in memory of fallen heroes and will sell at the cost of \$40 each.
  - D. TD Bank. Walt went on line to check out the account and set up a new pass word.
  - E. Next meetings scheduled for February 21 and March 21.
8. OLD BUSINESS
- A. Election nominations,
    - (1) No one else has responded
    - (2) We need a Treasurer, Bill has declined running again.
    - (3) Paul Callamaras to speak with Bill about matter.
  - B. December meeting was canceled due to the snow storm.
    - (1) This has put one month behind for nominations
    - (2) Bill to send out one last notice appealing to the membership for nominates
    - C. Tabled Nominations, to be continued until the February meeting
9. New Business: (Paul Callamaras)
- A. Dinner dance scheduled for Saturday 22 May, 2010
    - (1) Received contract from Holiday Inn
    - (2) Same arrangements as last year.
    - (3) Holiday Inn will work with us.
    - (4) If accepted I will see the manager on Monday 25 January
    - (5) Members present were in agreement of location and menu.
  - B. Food
    - (1) members went over menu and it will remain the same as last year.
    - (2) Drinks to be furnished by us.
  - C. DJ
    - (1) Bill Bauman to contact DJ
    - (2) will lock in price
  - D. Members agreed upon \$65.00 per person for dinner. This charge includes: the price of the dinner, Plus the Saturday night charge, Drinks, and the DJ
  - E. Guest Speaker
    - (1) Bill O'Brien to make contact for a speaker
    - (2) General Marshall and his wife
    - (3) will contact Bill Bauman
- 10 Motion to adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by James Glover and seconded by Bill Bauman. All present were in favor.
- PAUL CALLAMARAS**, Secretary
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- Treasurers Report**
- The treasurers report for end date of February 15, 2010.

State beginning Balance		3397.91
Checks and payments	(2 items)	84.00
Deposits and other credits	(1 item)	60.00
Ending balance (Cleared balance Feb 15)		3373.91
Un-cleared transactions		
Checks and payments	(0 items)	0.00
Deposits and other credits	(0 items)	0.00
Register ending balance	(2/15/2010)	\$3,373.91



Circa 1970 (Camp Kilmer) Mike O'Donovan contributed this photo. Left to right: Unk, Mike O'Donovan, Unk, Unk, Unk, Charley Parl, Unk, Capt Tune, Noel Roman. The IDs of those listed as Unk have long faded into the dark past.



Mike Carpinello, Frank Prainito and Tom Bumback enjoy some refreshment after the jump.

### Do you have an Email address?

A glance at the roster shows us that of the ninety + members approximately seventy have an email address. In today's world, the computer and email have become a vital method of communications. Check with the

Postal Service, their revenues are down because of electronic mail and they are hurting badly.

The best and fastest method for keeping in touch is through the internet as opposed to doing it via snail mail. Aside from the expense, snail mail is time consuming and slow.

When we do communicate with you, when using the new screen name we promise and will try hard not to fill your mailbox with jokes, political/religious statements or other materials unrelated to our chapter's business. All that we ask in return is that you do the same for us when you are doing chapter business on the internet. From now on, all communications from chapter 19 will come to you via:

**chapterxixsfa@aol.com**

### Chapter XIX Elections

During the March meeting, the returned ballots were opened and counted We thank those who did take the time to return the ballots.

This year there were enough volunteers to fill all the necessary offices. For this election, we deviated from our old practice of using the petition to find candidates. That has never worked and it always came down to those who: made regular meetings, lived somewhat close to our meeting place and were willing to serve. That is exactly what we have this year.

The candidates this year were:

<b>President:</b>	<b>Walter Rosario</b>
<b>Vice-president:</b>	<b>Dennis Robbins</b>
<b>Secretary/Assistant Treasurer:</b>	<b>Paul Callamaras</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Bill Bauman</b>



Mike Parker and Al Smith

While on the subject of elections, two of our members volunteered for positions that at this time do not exist. Joe (Sarge) Heintz has volunteered to be our Service Officer. This sounds like a good idea and that we will discuss at the next meeting. Then there was Bob Gilmartin, who is never to be outdone, he has placed his hat in the ring for “dog catcher.” We have never had one of those!

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### Special Forces Association Survey

Every chapter member should have received a copy of page 72 from *The Drop* from us. The survey was mailed to each member because we, the officers of this chapter, feel that this is an important issue that should not be ignored or over looked.

If you have not already completed the survey, we suggest that you should do it ASAP and mail it to Fayetteville.

Your answers to the questions will affect the future of this organization. The scope of the questions covers such items as the rights and privileges of some of our members, the qualifications for membership, the qualifications for life and decade memberships, voting rights of some members, the status of associates, widows and next of kin.

In my opinion, the tenor of the questions bothers me: however, it is up to you.



The Iron Bird

### SFA Raffle Tickets

You should have your SFA Memorial building fund raffle tickets by now. They were mailed last month. If

You do not have yours or want, additional tickets then contact National and we are sure that they will be more than happy to send them to you.

While we are on the subject of Memorial Building raffle tickets, you should, when you buy them make sure that you mark the stubs for Chapter XIX. To do otherwise would deny us our 50% share of the proceeds of your purchase. Last year our share was approximately \$350.

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### SFA ELECTIONS SFA elections

Elections will take place this spring for officers at National, look the ballot over, make your choice and of course VOTE.

We ask that you vote this time around. During the last election, the response was pitiful. Only a few hundred out of the thousands of members bothered to participate.



The Mock Door training



The Dry run



The Green Beret Club, Camp Montrond (Old Camp Vance), Bagram, Afghanistan



Jim Walker on the right with two friends getting ready to enter the GB club.

### ANNUAL DINNER/DANCE

May 22 is the buffet party date. As in the past, it will be at the South Plainfield Holiday Inn at the I-287 exit 5. The contracts for the hall and the DJ are signed and a letter with a map has been mailed to everyone on the roster.

### 11SF REUNION

11th SF Group Reunion is scheduled for August 14th at Ft Meade, Maryland.

A map and flier for the reunion are available and will be sent to you upon request. Jack Hoffman is the POC and he can be contacted at:

11th SF Reunion  
 c/o Jackson Hoffman  
 1342 Calvert Road  
 Chester, MD 21619

Date: Saturday, 14 August, 2010 From 1200hrs to 1730hrs \*\*rain or shine\*\*

Location: Burba Lake Recreation Area # 3, Ft Meade, MD (see map on back)

Cost: \$20.00 per person (a portion will go to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation)

Menu: Roast beef, ham, pork, chicken, potato salad, assorted side

dishes, chips. Drinks: beer, soda, wine.

### 7th SFG

#### Is looking for historical information.

The 7th Group is putting together a history for that organizations 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you have anything, you should contact the XO, LTC Ken Riggsbee who is looking for any historical information related to the 77th or the 7th groups. They are compiling the history from individuals who have served with either or both organizations.

The POC is LTC Riggsbee his email address is:

**Kenneth.riggsbee@soc.mil**

To ensure that your emails do not get lost in the shuffle, we suggest is that you mark the reference line as 7/77 SFG history.

### Chapter 66

Chapter 66 has moved from Long Island to West Point New York. The POC for this move is John Mahoney, his phone number and Email addresses are:

845 292 3609

Mahoney339@aol.com



Mary Miller, Al Smith, Tom Bumback and Jean Murphy

## THE COMMO BUNKER

### Gus Robertson

Gus says that he will attend the convention and looks forward to seeing everyone in June.

### Sky Dive city at the Zeperhills Airport

Joe Mc Millan sent this to us and we decided that not to edit or alter it. You see it as we got it. We did this for two reasons, the first of which is that Joe was closer to the story and our comments or editing would only distort or take something away from it.

The jumpers were: Tom Bumback, Al Smith, Frank Prainito, Joe Mc Millan, Bobby Carpinello, and Bill Mackey. The rest of this are Joes words. To give you some statistics from the group, the oldest person there was Frank, this was his first jump since 1669, and of course, as usual Bobby Caprinello was the youngest. Mike Carpinello and Mike Parker were there to watch.

It was Oh Dark Thirty on Super Bowl Sunday, when the seniors started to line up down in Florida. It was NOT to get into any Stinking Stadium. These guys were not about playing around, or sports. Their tickets were purchased through having satisfied very special requirements. These senile or rather senior six were master parachutists; they were in line to undergo JMPI prior to having the privileged undertaking of "Exiting an Aircraft, IN Flight"! To what did they owe this superior status that early morning? It goes something like this: They were all of them former members of B1103, of the 11th Special Forces Group (Airborne) and had served together over years, many years ago. So, it was no longer "Once upon a time" it was here and it was now, and it was damned wonderful.

These sentient six had one time had RA or US numbers going back to the fifties and sixties before the social security numbers took the importance they now hold. These guys were not about numbers they were about feelings. Feelings for one another, OLD COMRADES as they were, they smiled at one another as they were helping each

other to STRAP IT ON, " Left Leg Strap", "Squat and hold", "Bend Forward from the Waist." as the checking went on they dropped thirty or more years in age. That old familiar feeling came back to them, the tight almost uncomfortable but accountably familiar hunching, stretching and by the numbers checking of everything made them smile even more, at each other and the other sixteen of the twenty jumother sixteen were younger but these six had a special thing going and they knew it. Thanks to "The Hawk" they were brought together to share this special time. It seems the Hawk is running low on luck but running high on heart. Age only being a state of mind the years fell away as they boarded the twin engine Otter aircraft in stick order. So what, it's not a C119, a C130 or even a C47. At the Command "Hook Up." they reached behind them and attached their Static Line Connectors to the D rings immediately to their rear, a vigorous tug and the familiar CLICK reached their ears. "Check equipment, Sound off for equipment check, move into the Door" and they did. Then the "One Minute", and then the most Glorious of ALL jump commands "GO", They went and the sounds of their voices carried to the ground "ONE THOUSAND, TWO THOUSAND, etc." Their knees were in the breeze, the canopies deployed the sound of the aircraft engines faded away. **They were now one thousand feet above the Zephyrhills Airport, floating gently to the ground.** So, , OK it wasn't a night infiltration into Estonia, but it was still



Getting primed and ready

fantastic. We Few! We Happy Few! So, real love was in the air. OK is wasn't St. Crispin's Day either but it sure felt SPECIAL. PLF's were executed, stories were swapped, cameras clicked they all felt like the silly sextet as they embraced each other in the marshalling area as they turned in their parachutes, kit bags, reserves, etc. Smiles were the order of the day all around and a real love was in the air.

The day was ours. Who were we? We were all brothers, the names of these six siblings are: Tom (the Hawk) Bumback, Al (Smitty) Smith, Frank (Dub) Prainito, Bobby Carpinello, Bill Mackey and yours truly Joe (Mac) McMillan. De Oppresso Liber, a salute to you, our comrades, see you soon. An AIRBORNE embrace to you all. Feel the LOVE.

**Sick Call**

**Lou Johnson**

We received a report that Lou made a short visit to a hospital for surgery on his jaw. We do not have any report as to how it all turned out.

**Jim Santos**

One day a few weeks ago we saw an item while scanning through the Coconut Wireless there was a report that Jim had by-pass surgery. The report had it that he was at that time back to normal, if after by-pass things can ever return to normal.



*SEPT 2007*

Jim and Jackie Santos



You can tell at a glance that this was not your typically warm sunny day.



Jim Walker at the Gate to Camp Montrond (Old Camp Vance), Bagram, Afghanistan

**CHANGES TO THE ROSTER**

**Additions:** None

**Deletions:** None

**Changes:**  
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