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President's Update - John Vislosky

Happy November and Thanksgiving is already coming up quickly. In advance of Thanksgiving, Betty and I not only wish you a very Happy Holiday and we are Thankful for knowing all of you and being a part of Chapter 21.

Quite a bit of information to update everybody about: Next Chapter Meeting, SOAR/SFCON 2025 highlights, National SFA news (Dues and DROP updates), dates and locations for future SFA Conferences and more.....

Chapter 21 Holiday Meeting and Luncheon... I spoke with many of you (especially those at the SOAR/SFACON 2025) about the holiday meeting and luncheon. The majority I consulted agreed that waiting until January/February 2026 makes the most sense. It is a sound idea for a few reasons. The venues I spoke with assured me that prices will drop in the Canaveral area after 1 January. Most of the decent places are fully booked for December 2025, and most of us have already booked December holiday plans. Finally, it will be a great way of shaking off the post-holiday "blues", ring in the New Year, relax and enjoy everyone's company. The Chapter 21 Luncheon and Meeting will be in Canaveral and we are shooting for having a date and location by the 1 January 2026 Newsletter.

SFA Chapter Presidents' and General Membership Meetings 17 October 2025 at SFACON 2025 in Las Vegas:

- Those of you that have registered online for the SFA Team House can view the General Membership PowerPoint Slides and Meeting audio from 17 October at: <https://teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org> > Documents> SFA National Documents> SFACON2025GMM. Some highlights:
- SFACON 2026 will be 8-11 June 2026 at Eglin AFB, Florida. Hosted by 7th SFG
- SFACON 2027 will be 7-11 June 2027 at Fort Bragg, NC. Hosted by USSACOM
- SFA National plans to have all future SFACONs in proximity to each of the Army SF installations (2028's Conference may be at Lewis McCord in WA hosted by 1st SFG).
- There are two new awards available through the SFA (1) *Heritage Award* for Associate SFA members that contribute to the SF community and their Chapters and (2) The *President's "Spot Award* (with SFA Certificate and Coin) for SFA members that should receive special recognition.
- *The Drop*
SFA National has done an analysis and determined that the DROP is no longer affordable to print and distribute. Moreover, the publisher the SFA has used as cancelled their contract. Therefore, for all of us there will only be 2 more print editions mailed to us in hard copy before the change, the Fall and Winter issues. After that all members will have the following choices: (1) stop receiving the Drop; (2) pay \$30.00 annually to receive the print version of the Drop or (3) receive the Drop digitally. This issue was very controversial, and many hands raised to challenge this decision. For instance, the issue surrounding those of us that paid years ago for a Life Membership and a lifetime of receiving the Drop at no additional Charge. How will that be remedied? Also, for

those members that cannot afford \$30 annually and are not signed online with SFA's digital platform Teamhouse, how would they be able to view the Drop?

Unfortunately, there were no solid answers to those questions. And...If you were wondering if SFA National could sell more advertising to cover the cost that comes at a price. SFA is trying to protect your privacy. The SFA Officers refuse to sell the Drop mailing list to advertisers. Advertisers (like (USAA) ask for the mailing list so that they can mail you, their advertising. A violation of your privacy.

SOAR/SFCON 2025: The combined SOA and SFA Conferences in Las Vegas were fantastic. For those who could not attend, I have included a series of pictures below to give you an idea of the event. Several Chapter 21 members were in attendance. I apologize if I miss anyone who was there, but the list was: Phil and Joette Devon, Richard "Whit" Whitman, Jimmy Summerhill, Bill Schulz, John Fryer (with Anna and several other family members), Charles Weeks, Bob Daniels. Plus, several guests of Chapter 21 events: Ron and Donna Owen, Jim Day, Joe Hastings and Lindsey, Bonnie Cooper, Pete and Alice Marceau (Chapter 85 President). I am sure there are a few others there that I did not mention. We all had fun, and I know we all ran into people that we have not seen for many years.



(Clockwise) Chapter 21's John Fryer addressing over 600 attendees at SOAR 2025 with Doug Godshall President SOA on the stage hosting the presentations. MG (R) Ken Bowra and Colonel Scott White (newly elected SOA BOD Member). Doug Godshall, President SOA, John Joyce from Excalibur Industries (and former 1st SFG) presenting Bonnie Copper a gift of Regimental Challenge Coins for all her hard work to make both Conferences a success. John St Martin, Colonel Scott White, and Jim Day. 2 Pictures of the Hospitality area prior to the official opening of SOAR 2025.

CHAPTER 21 at SOAR/SFACON 2025: One of my proudest moments at SOAR/SFACON 2025 was seeing the very first table in the Hospitality Room filled with Chapter 21 members. Moreover, these members especially Bill Schulz and Jimmy Summerhill were on a mission. Bill and Jimmy drove from Florida to Las Vegas. They brought a case of the Horse Soldiers Bourbon and each bottle was signed by the Horse Soldier's Team Leader, Mark Nutsch. Plus, Bill graciously donated a Randal Knife with sheath, valued at \$1,600.00. Bill and Jimmy relentlessly sold the bourbon and raffle tickets for the Randal Bowie Knife every day at this table. As a result, Bill and Jimmy raised \$3,520.00 for Chapter 21!!!!!! I cannot Thank both of those members for their generosity and tenacious fund raising for the Chapter. Thank you, Bill Schulz and Jimmy Summerhill!!



(Clockwise) Jimmy Summerhill and Bill Schulz (in red) along with Ivan Davis and John Fryer. (Top Center and Right) are of the "Proper Villains" of Chapter 21, including Phil and Joette Devon, selling bourbon and raffling the Randal Bowie knife. (Bottom Left) Jimmy "working" the Hospitality Room like any great SF Operator. I checked and that was "unsweetened iced tea" not Jim Beam and Ginger Ale that he is drinking. I know because he kept bringing the same drink to me. (Bottom Middle) pictures are Bill and Jimmy on stage at the SFA Conference with the SFA National President Chris Wilkerson to draw the winning ticket for the Randal knife. (Bottom Right picture L-R) John Vislosky, Chad Bell from *Lipseys's Firearms Distributors*, Bill Schulz and Jimmy Summerhill.

Chapter 21 Webpage: Below is pictured Chapter 21's Webmaster, Dave Grose, presenting Jason Hendricks from *H3Designs* (Our Chapter 21 Website designer) a Chapter XXI Certificate of Appreciation and Chapter Coin for his generosity and hard work in designing our new Chapter 21 website. Both Jason and Dave worked long hours (and donated their time and cost) to create our website. They both continue to improve the site and assist our Chapter. A BIG Thank you to both Jason and Dave for their hard work!



Next Chapter Meeting

Where & When: January/February 2026 in the Cape Canaveral area. Details to following in subsequent Newsletters.

Donations

- **THANK YOU** → Bill Schulz and Jim Summerville for their untiring efforts to raise **\$3,520.00** at SOAR/SFACON 2025 for Chapter 21!

SFA Annual Membership Dues

Member Dues. Annual dues (currently \$40.00), as set by the Association officers and published in the Membership Application, are payable on 31 December for the ensuing calendar year. Members who fail to pay their dues by 30 January are automatically declared 'lapsed members.' New members and annual dues paying members who submit their dues or application fees after 1 October, are credited with dues paid through the following calendar year. All monies for new members must be submitted with membership applications and are returned if the application is not accepted. Honorary members are not required to pay dues. **Application Fee.** An application fee (currently \$10.00) is payable upon application, together with the \$40.00 membership fee. Honorary members are not required to pay application fees. **Life Membership Fee.** A member in good standing can obtain a Life Membership by paying a fee (currently \$440.00), and the Association Membership Committee approves his/her application. For lapsed members, the fee will be \$475.00. For new members applying for Life

Membership, fee will be \$480.00. The fee is returned if the application is not accepted. **Reinstatement Fee.** A member who fails to pay his/her annual renewal dues by 30 January, and who subsequently wishes to be readmitted into the Association, must pay a reinstatement fee (currently \$5.00), in addition to annual dues of \$40.00. For limited periods or in individual cases, the reinstatement fee may be waived as the National Association officers may direct. For example, members deployed in support of contingency missions during the renewal period may have their reinstatement fees waived. Your Dues can be paid directly to SFA National via Teamhouse website (https://teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org/content.aspx?page_id=60&club_id=404269) via credit card or a check can be mailed to *Phil Devon at 4313 North Course Lane, Avon Park FL 33825*

What's Happening

- **Green Beret Troop Support Luncheon.** Another fine gathering on October 28th of our SF Brothers at *Grills Seafood Deck and Tiki Bar* in Canaveral, FL.



Two former Chapter 21 Presidents at the GBTS Luncheon: Richard "Whit" Whitman and Mike Stover. A Thank you to both for your past leadership!

Health & Welfare

- **Ray and Judy Drewry:** Please continue prayers for them.
- **Jimmy Summerhill and Bill Schulz:** Both came back from SOAR/SFAON 2025 with COVID. Prayers out for a quick recovery for both our SF Brothers.

SF/Ranger Luncheons

- **St Petersburg SF/Ranger:** *The Harbor Master* at Bay Pines Marina, 4999 Harbor Lights Drive, Seminole FL 33706. 1 November 2025 @ 1130 Hours ET.
- **Cape Canaveral (GBTS) SF/Ranger:** Held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 1130 Hours ET at *Grills Seafood Deck and Tiki Bar*, 500 Glen Cheek Drive, Cape Canaveral, FL. The next one is 25 November 2025 @ 1130 Hours ET.

Upcoming SFA & SOA Events

17-20 November 2025: 2025 Modern Warfare Week – Fort Bragg, Global SOF Foundation [WEBSITE](#)

January/February 2026: Chapter 21 Meeting & Luncheon

Chapter XXI Quartermaster (*Sale Items*)

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