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President's Update - John Vislosky

- **Opening Comments:** Happy November! We are quickly moving into Holiday Season. It was great seeing some of you at both SOAR 50th (pictures below) and at the Green Beret Troop Support (GBTS) Luncheon.

  Mark your calendars. We have a date and time for our annual SFA Chapter 21 Holiday Meeting and Luncheon. It will be held on **Monday, 28 December 2026** at River Rocks Restaurant in Rockledge, FL (near Cape Canaveral). The details are below. Some of you may remember the restaurant from our February 2026 meeting. Great food and our own private room. I should have the reservation link set up in a few weeks to choose your meal(s) and pay by credit card (there is a pay by check option below too). I will be sending out reminders but if you plan to attend reserve your spot early.

  On 27 October 2026, we had a quorum at the GBTS Luncheon and held a Chapter XXI meeting. The only substantial actions at the meeting were: (1) confirming Jim Summerhill as Assistant Treasurer supporting Phil Devon; (2) confirming that we are changing the Chapter 21 bank account to Wells Fargo Bank and maintain the BNA account until the transition is completed; and (3) confirming that Monday 28 December 2026 at River Rocks Restaurant would the location of our next Chapter 21 meeting and holiday luncheon; and (4) we tabled confirmation of Joe Hasting as Director and Lyndsay Hasting as Secretary until, I have had time to work through a small administration issue to stay compliant with the SFA National Rules.

Next Chapter 21 Meeting

Chapter 21 Luncheon, Meeting and Gift Exchange;
Monday 28 December 2026 in Rockledge Florida
(*near Cocoa and Cape Canaveral FL*)

When: **Monday, 28 December** from 1100 Hours until 1430 Hours (11 AM until 2:30 PM). Luncheon followed by the Chapter XXI Meeting and Gift Exchange.

Where: River Rocks Dining and Drinks Dockside Restaurant. 6485 South US Hwy 1, Rockledge Florida (P) 321-757-7200 (*near Cocoa and Cape Canaveral FL*). Plenty of convenient parking and handicap parking.

River Rocks Restaurant information → *https://www.riverrocksrestaurant.com*

Cost: Pay in advance to reserve your place **$38.00/per person**. Includes Lunch and a Non-Alcoholic Drink (*Alcohol drinks are available at the restaurant as a separate payment in cash or credit card*). The link will be set up shortly, for online credit card reservations & payments. If you pay by check, please mail in both your check and meal selection(s)

RSVP: Shortly we will have set up a link to pay and select your meal choice(s) by credit card.
You can also pay by personal check in advance and **as soon as possible**.
You must RSVP by payment and meal selection.

PAYMENT: **Credit Card** This is the on-line link for registration by Credit Card for you and your guests , plus the meal choice(s) through this link as well. The link is https://specialforceschapter21florida.com/luncheon-registration
(Note If you are experiencing issues, turn off your VPN or Malware and refresh your page).

Personal Check make your personal check out to ***SFA Chapter 21*** and mail it to ***John Vislosky 551 Honeyflower Loop Bradenton FL 34212***. **Send in your Check ASAP.**

Important-->If you pay by personal check indicate choice of meal(s) below per person in a note attached to your check.

MENU: *Indicate your choice of Entrée with your payment*

- Non-alcoholic beverage (Iced Tea, Soft Drink, Coffee, Tea)
- Rocks House Salad

- *Choice of:
  - **Onion Crusted Chicken** - Topped with a Caramel Citrus Glaze, mashed potatoes and garden vegetables.
  - **Mahi Mahi -** Grilled Mahi, pineapple mango salsa, basmati rice & garden vegetables.
  - **8 oz Sirloin** – Char-grilled filet topped demi-glace, mashed potatoes & garden vegetables.
  - **Vegetable Marinara** – House vegetable, Italian herbs, house made marinara and linguine pasta.
  - **Sauteed Shrimp Scampi** – Sauteed in scampi butter, with basmati rice and garden vegetables.

**(Alcoholic Drinks & Ala Carte food items available for an additional charge, depending on the item).*

GIFT EXCHANGE: *We will be doing our Chapter 21 Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped or gift bagged item that is $20 or less. We will be selling raffle tickets (as many as you wish to purchase) to claim one or more of the gifts. Lots of fun. Some suggestions are gift coffee, wine, wine or coffee accessories, Special Forces Memorabilia, etc. Don't forget to bring a gift for the exchange.*

Nearby Hotels w/ Military Discount Rates: La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Melbourne Viera 7200 George T Edwards Dr, Melbourne, FL 32940 (P) +1 321-242- 9400… Or… Holiday Inn Melbourne-Viera Conference Ctr by IHG 8298 N Wickham Rd, Melbourne, FL 32940 (P) (321) 255-0077

Health & Welfare

- **John Fryer:** John has injured his back (broken vertebra and has a pinched nerve in his neck). Richard Whitman and I both spoke with John and Anna. He is in very good spirts considering the extent of his injuries and continues to "soldier on" as any good SF Warrior would do. Heal quickly John!

- **Phil Devon :** Our continued prayers for Phil and Joette as he fights the good fight.

- **Bob Daniels:** Bob fell ill at SOAR 50th in Las Vegas. I spoke to him recently and he is recovering. We wish you the very best for a speedy recovery.

Donations

- **Ingrid Luff-Currier:** The Chapter wishes to Thak Ingrid Luff Currier for her generous donation of $150.00. Thank you, Ingrid!

What's Happening

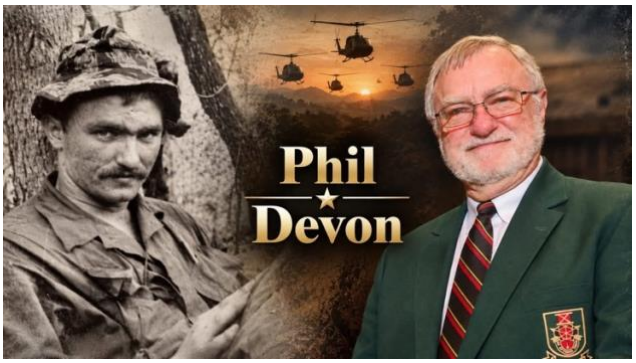
- **SOAR 50th** 12-15 October in Las Vegas. Complements to the SOAR Planning Committee for organizing another great conference. Several Chapter 21 Members were in attendance. This includes Bob Daniels; Richard Whitman; Phil, Joette, and son, Brad Devon; Brian and Natalie Vines; Ron and Donna Owen; Jim

Day; Noel Hike; and Bonnie Copper (Chapter 85). It was great seeing everyone. Pictures below.

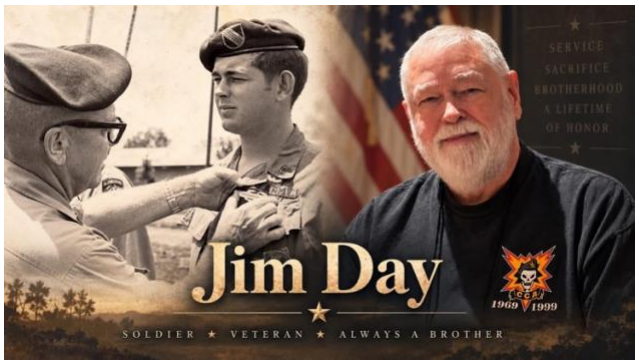
- Further compliments to Bonnie Cooper for putting together a commemorative video of the 50 Years of SOAR. The video is excellent and pays tribute to the Vietnam era SF and original members of SOA. To view the video go to the following Vimeo link: **https://vimeo.com/1230690182**

SOAR 50th Pictures of Chapter 21 Members from the Commemorative Video:





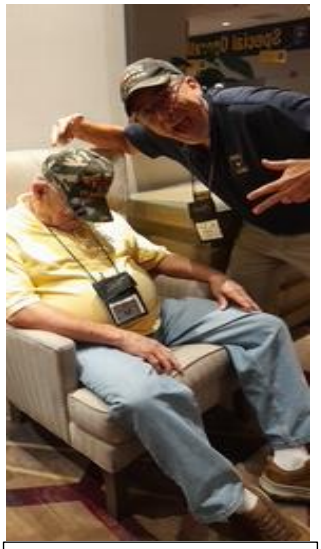




Chapter 21 Members at SOAR 50th



(L-R) SOG's Dave Gordan, Brad Devon (Phil's son); John Vislosky and Richard Whitman



Too funny…Chapter 21 Member Noel Hike taking advantage of a very tired Richard Whitman



Donna Owen helping at the SOA Quartermaster tables



Brian Vines' photographic proof that he is actually much taller than John V (provided he always has a chair handy)



Chapter President, John Vislosky was very humbled to have received the *SOA President's Award* for his assistance with SOA Resource Development over the years.



Our newest Chapter 21 Honorary Member, Greg Covington, Master Combat Weapons Maker. Proud to have you as a part of the Chapter! https://www.facebook.com/covingtonedgedweaponry/

- **LTC (R- Columbian Army) and Chapter 21 Member, Homero "Ray" Rodriquez** was a VIP Guest at the International Association of Police Chiefs (IAPC) convention in Orlando Florida.



LTC Ray Rodriquez with his son, Homero at IACP in Orlando



LTC Ray Rodriquez, with his wife, Luz and his son, Homero at IACP in Orlando

- ***The Green Beret Troop Support Group*** (GBTS) held their monthly lunch on 27 October 2026 at *Grills Seafood Deck and Tiki Bar.* Plus, with a quorum we held a Chapter 21 Meeting (mentioned above) Lots of fun, and you must be on your best game with this crew. In attendance, were Jim Summerhill, Bill Schulz, Richard Whitman, Rick Comerford, Tony Keycck, Greg, Fred Litz, Hannah Sink, John Goodyear, John Fravel, and John Vislosky. We also had the pleasure of having Pete Marceau, President of Chapter 85 , his lovely wife, Alice, and Art Walker Chapter 85 join us at the luncheon (unfortunately, I did not get their pictures). We laughed, ate and enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at *Grills Tiki Bar* in Canaveral.



(Clockwise) Jim Summerhill, Bill Schulz, Richard Whitman, Rick Comerford, Tony Keycck, Greg, Fred Irtz, Hannah Sink and John Goodyear



Bill Schulz lookin' dapper in his SF/SOA Vest. Jim Summerhill and John Fravel busy decorating prior to the luncheon



(L-R) Fred Irtz, Hannah Sink, John Goodyear and John Fravel

SF/Ranger Luncheons

St Petersburg SF/Ranger: *The Harbor Master* at Bay Pines Marina, 4999 Harbor Lights Drive, Seminole FL 33706, on the 1st Saturday of the month. The next get together is 7 November 2026 @ 1130 Hours ET.

Cape Canaveral (GBTS) SF/Ranger: Held monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at *Grills Seafood Deck and Tiki Bar*, 500 Glen Cheek Drive, Cape Canaveral, FL. The next get together is 24 November 2026 @ 1130 Hours ET.

Upcoming SFA & SOA Events

- **Monday 28 December 2026 or January 2027: SFA Chapter 21 Year End Meeting & Luncheon**: River Rocks Restaurant 6485 US-1 S, Rockledge, FL 32955 (P) (321) 757-7200

- **7-11 June 2027: Special Forces Association 2027 Convention (SFCON 2**027), Southern Pines/Fort Bragg , NC. For more information and discount hotel codes see: https://teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=404269&module_id=794806&actr=4



Chapter XXI Quartermaster November 2026 Sale Items

Make checks payable to *SFA Chapter 21*
Mail your order and checks to: *Susan Micelli, 4243 McCorvey Rd, Deland, FL 32724*



SFA CHAPTER 21 COIN
$15.00 each
plus
$8.00 postage



POW/MIA Flag (3'x5')
$35.00 each
plus
$8.00 postage



Shaving Kit with DOL Crest
$18.00 each
plus
$8.00 postage



DOL Crest Zipper Pull
$7.00 each
plus
$6.00 postage

DOL SF CREST SHOT GLASS
$700 each
plus
$8.00 postage