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President's Update - John Vislosky

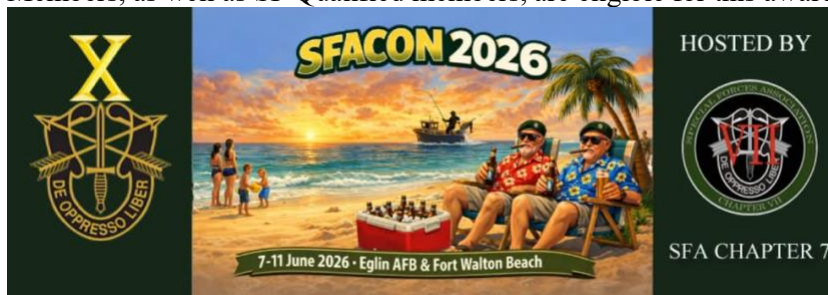
- **Happy 4th of July and 250th Anniversary** of the Greatest Country in the World. All of us, I am sure, have travelled the globe and if you are like me, you are so happy to return home to the USA. There are elements of our country I would like to see changed but overall, we all appreciate (and fought) to enjoy the freedom and the liberties that are unmatched. So, celebrate the 4th and our 250th Anniversary knowing that we played a role in shaping this great nation.
- **Meeting/Luncheon:** Time for everyone to register for the Chapter 21 Meeting and Luncheon. Details are below. Mark your calendars for **1 AUGUST 2026**. Feel free to invite other SF Warriors and their families. We have a great many new members, and this would be a good opportunity for everyone in the Chapter to meet. It should be another great get together.

Our guest speaker will be Chapter 21 Member and Colonel (R) Steve Epkins. Steve will bring us up to date on SFA Chapter 21 support of various Florida High School JROTC programs.

- **Donations:** The Chapter would like to Thank Ingrid Luff Currier for her donation of \$100.00 to the Chapter. Thank you, Ingrid!!
- **SOAR 50th** 12-15 October at the Orleans Hotel and Casino Las Vegas. Registration is now open along with the hotel reduced rate code. See <https://specialoperations.org/soa/> for more information and to register.
- **SFACON 2026: 8-12 June 2026**, Fort Walton Beach, FL. Hosted by 7th SFG (A): While attendance was small at the Conference, Chapter 21 had a great showing. Amongst the Chapter 21 attendees were: Mike McCrudden, Rick Comerford, Richard Whitman, Kevin and Noel Key, Joe and Lyndsay Hastings, and Chapter 85 Members, Dick and Bonnie Cooper and Pete (President) and Alice Marceau.

SFA Membership Meeting: If you would like to see the presentations from the National Board on the latest from the SFA. The slides can be found on the SFA Website Team House <https://teamhouse.specialforcesassociation.org>

I congratulate **Bonnie Cooper** who was one of the first recipients of the new *SFA Heritage Award*. The Heritage Award is a new award established in 2025. The first award will be at the 2026 SFA Convention. The award was designed to recognize individuals that do not qualify for the Saint Philip Neri Award due to either not being SF Qualified or not having had a twenty or thirty year impact on the Regiment and SFA. Associate and Honorary Members, as well as SF Qualified members, are eligible for this award. Well-deserved Bonnie!!





Richard
Whitman

Mike McCrudden & Rick Comerford



Mike McCrudden, Noel & Kevin Key



Kevin Knapp & John Vislosky

SFA National President Chris Wilkerson presenting the Heritage Award to Bonnie Cooper



Dick and Bonnie Cooper
Congratulations!



Betty Vislosky, Richard Whitman, Noel Key, Kevin Key and John Vislosky



Joe and Lyndsay Hastings



Next Chapter Meeting

Chapter 21 Luncheon and Meeting
1100 hours until 1430 Hours 1 August 2026
at Rick Comerford's home, 13110 South Lake Mary Jane Rd, Orlando Florida

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Everyone is Invited
(Chapter 21 Members, Guests, Family, Other SFA Chapters and their Guests)
LOOKING FOR YOU ALL TO ATTEND AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!!!!

WHEN: Saturday, 1 August 2026 from 1100 Hours until 1430 Hours (11 AM until 2:30 PM). Luncheon followed by the Chapter XXI Meeting and Guest Speaker, Colonel (R) and Chapter 21 Member, Steve Epkins

WHERE: Chapter 21 Member, Rick Comerford's Private Home, **13110 South Lake Mary Jane Road, Orlando FL 32832**

COST: Pay in advance to reserve your place **\$30.00/per person (NONREFUNDABLE)**. Includes Lunch and a Non-Alcoholic Drink

DRESS: Florida casual for hot weather and BBQ. Wearing of the Green Beret or SF Ballcap are encouraged.

RSVP: We set up a link (see below) to pay and select your meal choice(s) by credit card. You can also pay by personal check in advance. **RSVP as soon as possible but NLT 24 July 2026.** You must RSVP by nonrefundable payment.

PAYMENT: **Credit Card** *There is an on-line link for registration by Credit Card for you and your guests , plus the meal choice(s). Go to: <https://specialforceschapter21florida.com/lunch-registration>*

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

MENU: Catered by *Mission BBQ*

- Chopped Brisket
- Pulled Chicken
- Maggie's Mac-N-Cheese
- Green Beans & Bacon
- Choice of Hand-Crafted BBQ Sauces
- Cookies and Brownies
- Non-alcoholic beverage (Iced Tea, Water)

HOTELS NEARBY:

- **Aloft by Marriott Orlando:** 7215 Corner Dr, Orlando FL 32827 (P) 407-313-3700
- **Holiday Inn & Express Suites Orlando Southeast:** 32832 Pioneers Way, Orlando FL 32832 (P) 407-207-7001

Health & Welfare

- **Brenda Summerhill:** Prayers and condolences to Jim Summerhill and the passing of his dear wife, Brenda on 12 June.



Brenda Summerhill Obituary

Brenda Joyce (Wood) Shamburger Summerhill, 78, of [McDonough, Georgia](#), recently a resident of The Oaks at Eagles Landing, passed away peacefully on June 12, 2026.

Brenda was born on January 5, 1948, in [Memphis, Tennessee](#). She lived a vivacious life filled with love, kindness, and dedication to her family and friends.

Brenda was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and friend who cherished every moment spent with her loved ones. Late in life, she enjoyed riding the Harley with her husband, Jimmie. She greatly enjoyed traveling and was proud of visiting all 50 of the United States, and Europe. Through her kindness and compassion, she touched the lives of many and will be remembered for the love she shared so freely.

She is survived by her husband, Jimmie Summerhill; daughters, Sonya Hosemann (John), Leslie Norman (Jay) and Misty Watson (Justin); brothers, Mike Wood (Donna) and Phil Wood (Laurie); grandchildren, Hali Emge (Steve), Erin Brook (Mason), Samuel Norman and Logan Hendricks; great-granddaughters, Lily Emge and Riley Brook; and numerous well-loved cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Lorene Wood, as well as, her husband, Riley M. "Butch" Shamburger.

Those who knew Brenda will remember her for big smile, warm heart, generous spirit and her unwavering faith. Her legacy of love, strength and grace will continue to live on through the family and friends she leaves behind.

A Memorial Service was held at Glen Haven Baptist Church, 345 East Lake Road, [McDonough, GA](#) 30252 on Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Though our hearts are heavy with grief, we find comfort in knowing that her love remains with us always. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

- **Phil and Joette Devon :** Continued prayers for our Treasurer Phil Devon

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 **4 July 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 **28 July 2026 @ 1130 Hours ET**.

Upcoming SFA & SOA Events

- LTC (R) Bob Davis emailed me about a SF Trust event at the Villages on 6 August.

*My name is Bob Davis, and I am a retired Green Beret who lives in the Villages. I wanted to reach out on behalf of the Special Forces Trust to ask for assistance in getting the word out to the local community on an exciting event on 6 August 2026 in The Villages called Conversations with Commandos - The Villages! Attached is the event flyer, and here is the event website - <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/cwcthevillages2026>. In addition, there will be some items available for silent auction and a chance at a 50-50 Raffle. For **Conversations with Commandos**, we are bringing in some current and former Special Operations Soldiers to tell their story and engage with attendees. This is an opportunity to meet some of the heroes that have done our Nation's bidding over the last 25 years. The Special Forces Trust works to raise money to support these warriors and their families when the support of our government does not. This includes support for resilience, suicide awareness, and suicide prevention. We would so appreciate you helping us spread the word through your network, - any way to help us fill the room to 100 guests! Please don't hesitate to reach out to the below POCs, Inez and Jillian, (Also cc'd) or myself for any additional information you might need. Thanks in advance for your support. Robert Davis; Cell: 910-391-2471 (Email) Robert.davis24@hotmail.com*

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- **5th Special Forces Group's 65th Annual Reunion: 19- 26 September 2026.** For more details contact SFA Chapter 38: sfa38secretary@gmail.com
- **SOAR 2026:** The 50th Anniversary of the SOA!!! **12-15 October 2026**, Orleans Hotel, Las Vegas NV . Registration is now open along with the hotel reduced rate code. See <https://specialoperations.org/soa/> for more information and to register.

Chapter XXI Quartermaster July 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



Smal SOG & SF Decals
\$2.00 each
plus
\$8.00 postage



SF Regimental Flag
3'x5'
\$35.00 each
plus
\$8.00 postage



DOL SF Airborne Vest/Jacket Patch
\$30.00 each
plus
\$8.00 postage