



**SPECIAL FORCES ASSOCIATION
CHAPTER XLVI
NICK ROWE MEMORIAL CHAPTER
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**THE PUGUA WIRELESS
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**CONVENTION 2007 AFTER ACTION
REPORT**

Attendance: Although the Chapter President was the only one who made the trip to Oklahoma City from the West Pacific, the Chapter was also represented by our three resident Okie life members J.O. Dickey III, Robert Kelson, and Dr.Wes Parkhurst and his lovely wife. Unfortunately members Fred Smith and Charlie Hoffman were unable to make the trip although they had registered to attend. Overall attendance fell a little short of the number anticipated by the convention organizers. As a result a number of convention commemorative wine glasses were left over and were made available for all takers. Kudos are in order to Jim Selders and J.O. Dickey for a well orchestrated affair.

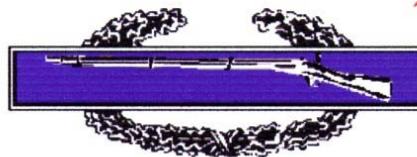
Association Membership: As of the date of the convention the Association had 2931 Annual Members, 5807 Life Members, 280 Widows, and 80 Honorary Members, for a total of 9,077 members. An initiative by Chapter 1-18 to add a special category of membership for widows with annual dues of \$20 was defeated at the Presidents' meeting after length discussions pro and con.



Rick Cantrell and Charlie



Mark and Ralph trying to decipher the newsletter





Jeff with Miss April and May



Shorty et.al. at the Meeting

Chapter 46 President moved that the current system of permitting widows to join as Associate Members remain unchanged. The motion carried. Effective immediately, membership renewal by credit card can be accomplished on line. National will issue a rebate check to the chapters.

Honorary Colonel and Command Sergeant Major of the Regiment: Roger Donlon, MOH,

remains the Honorary Colonel, while Joe Dennison was sworn in as the new Honorary Command Sergeant Major. The Special Forces Regiment consists of the 1st, 3^d, 5th, 7th, 10th active duty Special Forces Groups and the 39th Special Forces Detachment, formerly known as SF Detachment Korea. In addition, the two National Guard Groups, the 19th and the 20th Special Forces Groups are also members of the Regiment.



Financial Status: Contrary to some comments made by the perpetual whiners and nabobs of negativism who use the internet to vent their disapproval of everything the association leadership does, the finances of the Association are in excellent health. The Executive Director who is an Accounting Major made a professional presentation of the financial status based on a recent complete audit by a Certified Public Accountant. Chapter President Jeff Raker has a copy available for any interested member's perusal.

Member and Associate Member of the Year: Jeff received the Associate Member of the Year plaque on behalf of Charlie Hoffman and the Certificate of Appreciation for Rick Cantrell and took the awards back for presentation at the July membership meeting in Angeles City, Republic of the Philippines.

Convention 2009: The Las Vegas Chapter will host the 2009 Convention 7-12 June at the Palace Station Hotel.



Mark, Frank and Ralph

Rooms are \$54 to \$59 a night. Free airport shuttle and daily transportation to the Strip will be provided. The registration fee of \$110 covers all events. Instead of a picnic, registrants will receive four breakfast tickets.

MINUTES OF THE 21 JULY 2007 ANGELES CITY MEETING

VP Bollenbach called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and led the 22 members and guests in the pledge of allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for fallen and missing comrades.

Guests: Jack Hagan, President of Chapter 13 briefed on the upcoming Pac Rim Convention in Seoul. He handed out registration forms and other pertinent information. Additional forms can be obtained by visiting www.sfaxiii.org.

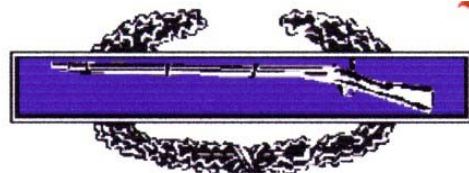
Communications: The DLIC Secretary pointed out a New Zealand newspaper with a front page story of a NZ SAS soldier being awarded the Victoria Cross for heroism while combating a numerically superior enemy force in Afghanistan.



The Garfield Staff

The Victoria Cross is the British Commonwealth equivalent of the Medal of Honor. The VP read a letter from the Museum thanking the Chapter for its contribution IMO Jimmy Dean.

From the President: Jeff Raker briefed on the National Convention in Oklahoma City and presented the Associate Member of the Year Plaque to Charlie Hoffman. VP Bollenbach accepted the Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of Rick Cantrell who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. The President urged all members to register for the Association Website. He pointed out that the registration forms for Convention 08 in Harrisburg, PA, will be in the Fall 07 Drop. The 2009 Convention will be in Las Vegas. See the Convention 07 After Action Report in the July/August Newsletter.



Old Business: The VP announced that the Chapter made P200 from the 4th of July Picnic. He thanked all for their help and contribution to making this year's Independence Day celebration a success. Charlie Hoffman mentioned that two individuals were denied access to the picnic. Some discussion followed.

New Business: Long Tan Day is August 18 at the Clark Veterans Cemetery at 1100 hours. The memorial ceremony will be followed by social activities at the Ponderosa. Members were encouraged to attend.

Good of the Order: Logos for the new chapter polo shirts were displayed and a design was chosen by unanimous vote of all present. Colors will be black, beret green, and white. Sizes will range from women's to huge. Frank Devlin offered to order some money clips with the association logo. The VP asked for a motion to accept the offer. Motion was carried.

Sick Call: Rick Cantrell is down due to complications with epilepsy. Lionel Claydon is still suffering from lower back problems and high blood pressure, but has improved a lot and was present at the meeting.

The DLIC Social will be on 4 August at 1200 hours at Illusions. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1232 hours.



Lawrence, Don and Friend



May Meeting in the Team Room



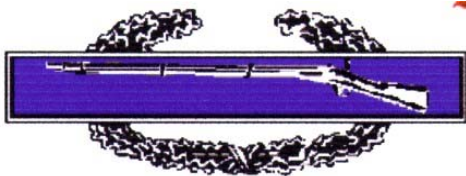
**Friend of the Chapter and local
Red Neck Charlie Martin**

MINUTES OF THE 4 AUGUST 2007 GUAM MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The President opened the meeting at 1100 hours with the traditional pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for fallen and missing comrades. Everyone had enjoyed a delicious breakfast while reading the minutes of the previous meeting prior to the president's call to order. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and carried unanimously. The financial report was equally approved by the membership.

Old Business: The president briefed on the National Convention in Oklahoma City. See the after action report above.

New Business: Jeff passed out application forms and the agenda for the Pac Rim Conference in Seoul 6-8 October 2007. Apparently Jeff and Minako, John and Jenny, Bill and Frances are the only ones attending from Guam. Jeff stated that J.O. is planning to attend as well. The DLIC had a show of hands at the last meeting, indicating about ten more attendees. It remains to be seen how many actually make payment and show up.



VP. Bo introduces the Odd Couple at the Team Room



Terry enjoying after meeting refreshments



Secretary Mark enjoying the host's hospitality



Jeff asked if anyone had any topics for discussion at the conference that might apply to all Pac Rim chapters and should be taken up with the national leadership. None were suggested. Jeff stated that he would come up with some subjects.

Communications: Chapter newsletters from Chapters 15, 1-18, and 13 were circulated among the members.

Adjournment: Since there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1115.

MINUTES OF THE 17 August 2007 DLIC MEETING.

VP Bo Bollenbach called the meeting to order on 17 August 2007 at 1200 Hrs at the DLIC Team House within Garfields. There were 17 members in attendance, and two guests.



Membership after the meeting
“hey guy’s is the meeting over?”

The VP conducted the opening ceremonies of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen comrades and those in harms way.

Treasurer Ralph placed on the table the Financial Statement to 16 August members can access it through the VP.

Guests: Friend of the Chapter John Stuntz introduced James Armstrong, a friend he brought to the meeting. Steve Peters (US Navy) was also a guest.

Comms: Apologies were received from Gunner Wagner, Jim Jones and Bruce McTavish. VP placed a letter on the table offering a job in Iraq, and a letter stating the new legislation pertaining to saluting when not in uniform, uncovered or retired.



Stogy Bill, acting the Part of Pirate
he really represents



From the President: The President placed several papers on the table from various Chapters and the Museum. He asked that when members recruit new members they ensure that the correct form is used and that ALL the information relevant to the application is included. Eg: MOS, orders etc.

He spoke about a Concept Paper from SOC. Details are available from the President. A motion was made and seconded by Ralph Milward to make the issue a topic of discussion at the October Pac Rim Conference. The motion was carried.

Old Business: VP announced that the Special Forces Childrens Christmas Party would be held on Saturday, 1 December this year. It has been decided to move the venue to the function area at Josephaville II. Charles will liaise with the nuns at the orphanage. Charles asked for the donation for the med-op of the young man mentioned in previous minutes to be continued. Approved.

New Business: A motion was moved and discussed to charge all members who attend meetings (not socials) an amount of P50 to defray the cost of providing food. Moved by Charles Hoffman, seconded by Rick Brill. Motion carried. Amended later in meeting to individual members paying P1000 per meeting for the food. The President was the first contributor. Wolf spoke about losing money at socials in his bar due to costs incurred because of the meeting time at 1200 hrs. It was agreed that all socials held in Illusions would now commence at 1400 hrs.

Garfield's social will remain at 1200 hrs.

Ralph raised the possibility of running a raffle as a way to defray the costs.

Good of the Chapter: Members were asked to attend Long Tan day 18 August.

Sick Call: Rick Cantrell is still ill. Lionel is well on the way to recovery, and was at the meeting.

The next DLIC Social will be 1 September 2007 at Garfields at 1200hrs. There being no further business the



Members enjoying the meeting



The Pugua (pronounced poogwa) Wireless is the bimonthly newsletter of Chapter 46 of the Special Forces Association, headquartered in Guam, with a Detachment Left In Contact (DLIC) in Angeles City, Republic of the Philippines. Pugua is the Chamorro word for betelnut, a mild stimulant enjoyed by the people of Micronesia and parts of Southeast Asia. Any opinions expressed in this monthly publication do not necessarily reflect those of the Association and are the sole responsibility of the editor, without the assistance of pugua or any other stimulant.

The newsletter is edited by Jeff Raker. Fred Smith is responsible for lay-out and publishing. The newsletter can be accessed at the Chapter website at <http://www.guam-online.com/sfa46>.



Don, Pete and Chuck having refreshments at the local pub



**Mr. Ronald Smith
The party sponsor**



**Treasurer Ralph
Wondering where the money
went**