



**SFA CHAPTER LXXXIX (89)**  
**SFC ALLEN C. JOHNSON MEMORIAL CHAPTER**  
**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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**SFA Chapter 89 Minutes 11-15-08**

General Membership and Business Meeting

Saturday, November 15, 2008

**Announcements:** The Chapter will now hold its business meetings at the home of Bob And Kathy Maraviov. Jim Wipf has taken over the duties of Assistant Secretary for the Chapter. At this time Mike will be carried on our roster as the Secretary until we find out his deployment schedule .VP Jack and Becky Bowles are currently in Mississippi visiting Jack's ill father.

**ROLL CALL:** The current officers present were: President John Cleckner, Treasurer Bob Maraviov, Assistant Secretary Jim Wipf and Sergeant at Arms Scott Masterson. President Cleckner asked all Chapter members to sign in. Those in attendance were Doug Davenport and Jim Sorenson.

### **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of October 11, 2008 were revisited and accepted by the membership as published. President Cleckner reminded the members that a copy of the October meeting minutes will be sent to National and all Chapter members.

**CHAPTER CORRESPONDANCE:** President Cleckner briefed the Chapter on the MSG Fensley's circumstances at Fort Campbell.

**OFFICERS REPORT:** There was no Officer's Report. There will be an Officer's meeting before the December Business Meeting. Officers will be contacted as to location, date and time.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer Maraviov reported that the Chapter had \$1151.57 with \$605.00 in the Cemetery Memorial Fund. Further; there is \$2058.96 in the Scholarship Fund. All in a CD. Disposable income of \$546.57 is available. The new costs of the web site operation were discussed. Filed as read and published.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Bob Maraviov discussed the current situation with the chapter web site's new demands for monies. A discussion ensued with those members present. Recommendation was made to explore a couple of other options for next year. Members to report back to the chapter president.

Jim Wipf updated those present on the SFA Distinguished JROTC Cadet Award program. He reported that he had met with and presented the 2008 AAR to the WCSD JROTC personnel. The AAR will be provided to Enterprise HS NJROTC (Redding, CA) and Douglas HS JROTC (Minden, NV) via email .Dates of presentations for WCSD have been confirmed and scheduled. Presentation dates for the other two schools are pending.

Jim Wipf revisited and provided up to date information regarding the Chapter's "Challenge Coin" effort. In consideration of the facts that the design choice was selected and approved over a year ago , that the actual real cost for that coin design was not known at the time and in light of the Chapter's current funding ability ,other options were presented. Recommendation was made that Wipf should explore current costs for a modified design to get us beyond the immediate requirements. When funds are more readily available the Chapter may reconsider the previously approved design.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

President Cleckner reported on the Special Forces Memorial Monument .The Northern California State Cemetery Administrator and the State Monument and memorials Sub-Committee have approved the site and design for the monument. On November the 6<sup>th</sup>, the California Cemetery Committee approved the site and design clearing the way for this project to be sent to Sacramento (CDVA) for final approval. The face of the monument must now be determined as soon as possible. Everyone at the meeting was again shown the location. The three options for the Monument's surface design were discussed as well as the verbiage for the monument. Scott Masterson presented verbiage for the monument which was generally accepted by those present. The point was again made by President Cleckner that the monument was to be for ALL SF Veterans. Questions arose as to the cost and funding of the monument. It was decided that all monies collected would go into a fund titled "SF Monument Foundation Fund"

The initial design agreement was as follows:

Top- Green Beret

Below beret the words: "U.S. ARMY SPECIAL FORCES"

Followed by: "TO THE QUIET PROFESSIONALS FOR THEIR COURAGE, THEIR HONOR, THEIR ABILITY AND FOR THEIR UNWAVERING DEDICATION TO FREEDOM"

Followed by: *DE OPPRESSO LIBER*

Across the bottom: Dedicated by Chapter 89 Special Forces Association

If any member has a comment on the above "face" design, PLEASE contact President Cleckner as soon as possible. The final design project must be submitted to CDVA before we can start construction.

President Cleckner shared the results of the latest SFA Constitution and Articles of Incorporation vote results A discussion ensued.

The 2009 Calendar was discussed. The decision was made to continue the practice of having the Chapter Business meetings the second Saturday of each month except for the months of June/July/August. As stated, the meetings will now be conducted at Bob's house. A map/directions will be made available in December.

Scott Masterson volunteered to manage the "Door Prize, Raffle, 50/50 drawing and the sales items" for the Chapter. A big thanks to Scott.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was not any new business to report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

1. The coin project continues on hold, pending more info to be developed by Wipf

2. The need for a banner for Chapter 89 was discussed. Different members will be developing info reference costs and design and report back to the chapter.
3. The SFA national Convention, next June, in Las Vegas was discussed. Wipf allowed as he and Marlie had three extra rooms available in Reno, should anyone wish to avail themselves of them. As an RON spot in Reno to break up an otherwise long trip. It's about 8 hours from Reno to Las Vegas. Jim Sorenson made the same offer at his family ranch in Fresno, California for those traveling the I-5 route. President Cleckner indicated that his family was having a reunion during this time frame and if he could not attend the SFA Convention he would appoint a representative to attend the President's meeting.
4. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, Chapter members participated in the Shasta County Veteran's Day Parade. A big tip of the Beret to Bob and Larry for the incredible effort they did with coordinating the C-17 "Flyover".. TWICE .A definite crowd pleaser and to Bob as the new Chairman of the 2008 Veteran's Day Parade.
5. The Chapter Christmas party will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> at Bob and Kathy Maraviiov's anytime after 1600 hours. All those attending are reminded to please bring a gift for a man and/or woman with a value of at least \$10.00. If you're a male attending solo, bring a gift for male If you're a couple attending, bring a gift for both a male and a female. If you want a special drink, bring that as well. Bob and Kathy will be providing Hors d Oeuvres. If you would like to bring a "pot luck" dish it would be appreciated. Please call Kathy (530 275-5808) or John (530 243-2100) and let them know if you are planning to attend. Want to be certain that there's plenty of food for everyone on hand.
6. The Chapter still needs members to step up and volunteer for key leadership positions. Principally for President, Vice-President and Secretary. Elections to be held before the SFA national Convention in June

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, President Cleckner stated that the meeting was adjourned. The meeting ended at 1535 hours.

**Wellness Update:** Bryan Furman continues to recover from his PLF attempt off of his roof. Reported to be doing better, but still recovering. Bryan Furman, P.O. Box 606, Hydesville, CA 95547-0606 . (707 768-3409)

Rodney Dean is out of the hospital. Rodney Dean, 1640 Victor Ave , Redding , CA 96003 (530 410-2183). Give these "brothers" a call or send them a card. Would no doubt be appreciated.

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