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**Next Meeting May 16th, 1300 at VFW Post 812, McKelligon Canyon**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Group Reunion Committee Meeting at noon before each meeting**

After meeting meal hosts: MAY – Ed; JUN – N/A – Reunion; July - Gus

SFA 2009 Convention Sunday June 7 - Friday 12 June 2009, Las Vegas, Nevada  
 1<sup>st</sup> Group Reunion, El Paso, 16-21 June – See below notes from meeting

**Reminder, everybody should turn in their Bio and picture to the Secretary.**



Thomas Connell



Marion Harrison



Robert Weel

**Minutes of Meeting 18 April:** Chapter President Pete Peral called the meeting to order at 13:20 hours with the citing of the pledge of allegiance followed by a prayer from Chaplain Szilvasy. **In attendance:** Pete Peral, Ike Camacho, Chuck Von Kriegsfield, Vern Walden, Gus Gonzalez, Bill Snider, Ramon “Moose” Saiz, Leo Enriquez, Jose Ibarra, John Szilvasy, Greg Brown, Jesus “Chuy” Zamora, Joe “China Boy” Lopez, Fedencio Gonzalez, Tony Lara, Sean Driscoll, Gary Gook, Pablo Sanchez, Ed Trout & Alan Shumate.

**Minutes of last meeting:** Approved

**Sick Call:** Mike Jefferson has discontinued Chemo therapy and is battling cancer with a strict dietary regimen. Raul Ramos is at home recovering from a recent operation. Tom Connell is recovering at home from a recent heart attack. Chapter needs 100% accountability to make sure we are in the loop and not let a brother get sick or pass without our knowledge.

**Guests and New Members:** None at the meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Chapter is healthy. Jerry Rainey Scholarship fund has over \$3000 and we are accepting donations. We need to pick a date, maybe August. .

**OLD Business: 1<sup>st</sup> Group SF Reunion, El Paso:** 16-21 June 2009, Chase Suites, Dinner Saturday 20 June, Chairman Ike Camacho at [powike@sbcglobal.net](mailto:powike@sbcglobal.net) Banquet will be at the Marriott. \$100 registrations are being received. Picnic planned at Cattleman’s, reception at the Marriott. Committee meetings continue at noon before the Chapter 9 meeting. When making hotel reservations at the Chase, make sure to mention you are attending the 1st Group reunion. That will get your name on our list. Golf Tourney is named after the late Jason T. “Woody” Woodworth. Sunday morning added agenda item: Coffee and Bloody Mary’s will be served in the Hospitality room. Still working on transportation. Reunion coins are in. 9 June is the Chase Suites walk-thru, 1700. Memorabilia will be displayed. **John McLaughlin Golf Tournament:** Greg asks that every member strive to sign up one or two sponsors. We also need members to solicit for door/raffle prizes and small items for the goodie bags (need 100 each for goodie bag items). Date for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual tournament is 29 August 2009. Golf Flier is attached to this newsletter mailing. Committee meeting will begin after the 1<sup>st</sup> Group Reunion. Solicitation letters were passed out. **Playground (Operation Noel):** \$600 will pay for the last load of gravel. **Jerry Rainey Scholarship:** Len Blessing will conduct the initial review of applicants again this year. Qualifications were discussed. Scholarship presentation will be 15 August at

VFW 812, directly following the meeting. All local colleges have been contacted. **SOG Expo for the Border Patrol** at Elmider Shrine on Alameda (5 May) and MacGregor Range, (6 May) - Chapter members are welcome. We are NOT doing the chow this year. The SOG MWR wants to do it. **Yard Sale** to occur on Saturday 25 April, Mosswood and Trawood, 06:30.

**New business: Airborne Day:** Bill arranged a 2 hour radio show with the Leon Metz show on Saturday 6 June at 1000. Joe Lopez will represent SF and join 2 members of the 82<sup>nd</sup>. One more SF representative will be decided later. Meal Hosts set up for the next few months. Gary Cook discussed **JROTC**. He will provide a mini OPOD next month for a speaker's bureau. Chaplain Szilvasy made a strong statement about Napolitano and her insult to the military and explained the American Legion's stance. . **SFA Uniform:** Chapter held a long discussion about white shirts. China Boy will put his badges on the shirt and return next month for a Chapter vote. Epaulets and creases need deciding. Pete is sending the check for blazers to Florida. Pete and Debbie Torres are still working on Chapter shirts.

**82<sup>nd</sup> News:** "Sun City All Airborne Fiesta V", 2 July – 6 July 2009, El Paso Marriott Hotel. \$75 registration, per person. 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Chapter website: [www.bpaac.org](http://www.bpaac.org)

**VFW 812 News:** VFW Post 812 golf tournament is on 9 May. They can still use a few more hole sponsors and couple of teams. Participants need to sign up NLT 4 May.

**Announcements & Good of the Order:** Photo was turned in by Pablo and a bio was submitted by Gary Baura. VFW Dinner was announced – Baby Ashton. Spa Day is today at the VFW – members were encouraged to support this function. 29 April, 0900 is Sean Driscoll's retirement ceremony, Bliss Museum. Blazers and Berets to be worn. Chuy thanked the Chapter for donating \$50 for the Blind Veterans. Joe Lopez discussed travel pay at the VA. Ike discussed the yard sale. 1<sup>st</sup> Group Reunion attendees from Chapter 9 need to pay their registration.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 14:25 hours.



POW survivors in attendance at the March Montoya celebration.

**President Pete's Oval Office:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Group Reunion is right around the corner so if you plan on attending please get your registration packets in to Ike ASAP. This proves to be a very active event with over 200 participants to date.

On the golf tournament, the date is 29 Aug 2009, 0800 tee off. Greg has published the flyers and Mike has them also posted on the Ch 9 website. If you need a request for sponsorship letters contact me and I'll draft them up specific to your sponsor. We need to start getting the teams lock and paid. We'll start with e-mails to those who played last year and take it from there.

Lastly, thank you for your support and patience - De Oppresso Liber



Pete Peral, President SFA Chapter IX

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: USASMA SF Students Adios party, Friday, 15 May, 1800, VFW 812. Families are invited. Please email Bill for headcount. Chow will be provided.**

**Chaplain's Corner:** May God continue to bless the USA, Chaplain John Szilvasy

### **TIGER WOODS' SPEECH AT THE INAUGURATION:**

**Tiger Woods received a special invitation to speak at the President's inauguration. Those who had invited him were stunned and were not pleased with what he had to say, because he did not say what they expected. Instead he spoke about his Special Forces father and those in uniform. If you didn't know this about Tiger Woods, it is because the news media almost totally ignored him.**

#### **"You'll Never Walk Alone"**

**"I grew up in a military family - and my role models in life were my Mom and Dad, and Lt. Col. Earl Woods. My dad was a Special Forces operator and many nights his friends would visit our home. They represented every branch of the service and every rank. In my Dad, and in those guests, I saw first hand the dedication and commitment of those who serve. They come from every walk of life. From every part of our country. Time and again, across generations, they have defended our safety in the dark of night and far from home. Each day - and particularly on this historic day - we honor the men and women in uniform who serve our country and protect our freedom. They travel to the dangerous corners of the world, and we must remember that for every person who is in uniform, there are families who wait for them to come home safely. I am honored that the military is such an important part, not just of my personal life, but of my professional one as well. The golf tournament we do each year here in Washington is a testament to those unsung heroes. I am the son of a man who dedicated his life to his country, family and the military, and I am a better person for it.**

**In the summer of 1864, Abraham Lincoln, the man at whose memorial we stand, spoke to the 164th Ohio Regiment and said: 'I am greatly obliged to you, and to all who have come forward at the call of**

their country. "Just as they have stood tall for our country - we must always stand by and support the men and women in uniform and their families."

I personally thank God for people like Tiger Woods, who represent people who live by the principles expressed in traditional conservative values that were passed on to them by their patriotic parents. What are the values by which you live your life? Do they guide your thoughts, words, and actions? Very soon, we will be reaching the point of no return in the direction our country will go. What values will you use to determine the course of our country? And what are you doing about it now?



**Chaplain John A. Szilvasy**

Let me know if you move, any announcements that you would like to make; **SICK CALL-PLEASE-TELL ME IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE SICK OR IN DISTRESS!!!**, Bill Snider, 5200 Ballinger Drive, El Paso, Texas 79924, C 915-667-9527; F 915/821-3449; [sniderbill@worldnet.att.net](mailto:sniderbill@worldnet.att.net) Chapter IX, Special Forces Association, publishes this monthly newsletter. The opinions expressed by the writers are entirely their own and are not to be considered as an official expression of Chapter IX, or the Special Forces Association.